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I'm sorry for the delay in sending the attached letters, but we just returned from a two week vacation in Spain. We had a wonderful time. Enjoyed the country and people immensely.

I'll let you "edit" the letters as you deem appropriate. I had the originals only for a short period, and, unfortunately, afterwards I noticed what appeared to be "breaks" or "inconsistencies" in the continuity of certain of the letters. I've restructured those as best as possible. The originals are in the possession of Miss Elena Mastroianni who lives in Randolph, New Jersey (1987).

I think you'll find some interesting genealogical material throughout most of the letters, but as usual, all of it needs to be "proven".

Agnes Hilla, thank you so very much for the time you gave me when I was there. Hope to see you again soon. Very truly yours, Hilda M. Smith

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.
July 9, 1963

Miss Elena Mastroianni
235 Nottingham Way
Hillside, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Last Friday, I received, from Col. E. L. Holman, a copy of his reply to your inquiry. Yet, in an oversight, he failed to enclose your letter. Since he has not found it & sent it to me, by this time, I decided to advise you, thus, & also, that if you will repeat your inquiry, directly, to me, I may be able to provide such data as you desire. If possible, I would be happy in so doing.

Awaiting your inquiry, I am

Sincerely,

Harry W. Lenig.

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40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.
July 23, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

Your letter has proven to be of much interest to me; &, please do not feel that you are imposing upon me, for, while I am limited, physically, & must lay everything aside & take a walk, frequently, there is nothing else so appealing to me as genealogical research & its correlation with local-, County-, State-, & Church-history. It is also a pleasure to cooperate with others, who find similar interests.

Your reasoning & your queries are not unreasonable, & they bring us to several mutual ancestral lines.

But, I regret that I must disappoint you, in your first query. It's doubtful that anyone, in the past Century, or more, has been able to state the definite area in Germany, from which our Schmidts came. And, there were so many Immigrants with the surname "Schmidt" (in its numerous spellings), that, one would be very fortunate, in definitely locating the ancestral "home" & "family". The Immigrant lists state, only, "Palatines from Holland".

The Simmendinger List of Palatines living in New York, in 1717 (included in the volume "Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Immigration", by Walter Allen Knittle,) reports: Hans Georg Schmidt (in the village of Neu-Amberg), with wife Anna Elisabetha & 3 children.

Since the Berks Co. generations were Lutheran, we use such deduction, & find, in the 4th List of Palatines (taken at St. Catherines & Deptford, June 15, 11, 1709 — Georg Schmidt, Husbandman & Vinedresser; aged, 53; sons — 22, 20, 2; daughters — 18, 16, 14, 8; Lutheran.

No other Schmidt, listed, so nearly qualifies; yet, who can be certain, & we cannot but hope, in the matter.

When you come to Newport, do not hesitate to come to our apartment, when we can clarify these lines, much better. However, while I plan very little, it would be well for you to advise me of your coming, & I can plan so that you will be certain to find me at home.

Maybe I failed to make it clear that Peter Schmidt II & Johannes Schmidt I (brothers) married Lesch sisters — Anna Margarethe & Maria Catharina, respectively.

If you have further queries, on these lines, please do not hesitate stating them. I'm glad to share such as I have.

Sincerely, Harry W. Lenig

— Lösch — Loesch — Lesch — Lesh —

In the same mail, with your letter, came one from a friend, in Berks Co.; &, it contained some data on our mutual line. Since, I may have failed to state names clearly, & I have, thereby confused you. I'll try to clarify the matter.

Our Baltzer Lesch Jr., in Perry Co., married *Saloma Brolzman (which should actually be spelled Broszmann; & is now, usually, spelled "tz" or "ss"). She was also known as Sarah, Saloma being the German for Sarah, & from which we get Sallie. However, my friend has surprised me, & I know not how I overlooked it, when searching the Record of the "Christ Lutheran Church in Tulpehocken", just west of Stouchsburg. He found that * Maria Saloma Brossman, aged 14 yrs., was Confirmed, on Whitsunday, 1784. Therefore, she was born ca. 1770, while cousin Wm W. Lesh stated Baltzer Lesche's birth as in 1765. Until now, we were unaware that Saloma had two given names. Yet, as I caused you to wonder about it, her mother had two given names, Maria Saloma (the wife of Franz Brosgmann). Franz was born in 1728, & it is inferred that he was the son of Franz Brosgmann, who was also buried at the Christ Church, in 1749. No record has been found of the maiden name of Maria Saloma (the mother).

I know where to find the graves of Baltzer Jr. & Saloma, marked with field-stones bearing their initials & death dates.

But, how I wish that I could find the graves of the Broszmanns, in that old Christ Church Cemetery, as well as the graves of my Immigrant ancestor, Peter Lenich, & his wife, Elisabetha Aulenbach, whom he married, in Berks County. Many times, have I searched, in vain.

Baltzer Sr. & his wife Christina have very nice German-inscribed gravestones, in the Klopp's Cemetery beside the St. Paul's Union Lutheran-Reformed Church & the St Paul's Reformed Churches, at Hamlin, Lebanon Co.

And, Johann Georg Lesch & his wife, Anna Christina (Wallborn) rest in the beautiful Moravian Cemetery, at Nazareth, Penna.

per Harry W. Lesh

Ohlinger – Olinger – Ollinger – Ohl.

Since you seem certain that Jonathan Dunkelberger & his wife, Catharine Campbell, were your ancestors, & I have no reason to refute it, you will be interested in what I have learned in Berks Co., & elsewhere.

Hans Jurg or Johann Georg Olinger landed at the Port of Philadelphia Oct. 12, 1741, on the Ship, "Friendship"; & was, then, qualified. I did not learn whether he came, alone, or, with a wife, who, later, died.

However, due to my visiting the Zion's (Moselem) Lutheran Church, (early, also known as the Ontelaunee Congregation) – northeast of Moselem Springs, & my interest in their 225th Anniversary Services, I searched the Church Record, in the Berks Co. Historical Society, & found that Johann Georg Olinger was one of the "founding fathers" of that historic Church.

The record states that, on the 13th (Sunday?) past Trinity, in 1746, Johann Georg Olinger (a widower & a weaver) & Anna Maria Brion, (daughter of Jacob, deceased) were married

The earliest baptism, I have found, of their children, was of Johann Georg (Jr.), born April 24, 1749, who married Catharina _____?, &, later migrated, with other families, to Perry Co. His wife died, leaving ten children, stated in his Will (but, names not stated), after which, he married Mrs. Justinia Goodlander (or Gutlender, as spelled in Berks Co.), by whom, he had a daughter, Sarah.

Johann Georg (Jr.) lived in Little Germany Valley, where he died, in 1813. It's my opinion that they, like my Frey ancestors, were buried in a cemetery, now, within a woods, & almost obliterated.

His daughter, Maria Christina (known as Jane or Jennie) – born in 1787 – was my 3rd great grandmother, wife of Johannes Frey.

His daughter, Anna Maria (known as Polly) – born in 1789 – wife of Wm. Campbell (a soldier in the War of 1812) may have been the mother of Catharine Campbell Dunkelberger. I've been considering that point, for several years.

Then, too, Phillip (?) or Henry (?) Bausum (also spelled Bousum) married an Olinger. But, I've failed to learn her given name. And, if the data isn't badly in error, they had a son, Jacob Bausum Sr., born in 1795, who had several children, two of whom were Hannah, wife of David Bitner, & Esther, wife of Wm. Bitner. At this point, I'm lost. It may be that you can learn whether David or Wm was your ancestor, or not. If so, this would indicate the possibility of your being a descendant of two daughters of Johann Georg Olinger (Jr.)

per Harry W. Lenig

40 N. 2nd St. Newport, Penna. 17074
August 4, 1963

Dear Miss Maitroianni —

Due to the broad scope of interests, today, among students, its very unusual for one, your age to manifest such interest in this peculiar line of research (which is scoffed by a great percentage of "the people"). But, I have learned, & I believe that you also will, what it means to correlate the past with the present & future — historically, socially, spiritually, or in any other phase of "life". In that, too, without persons (the people — our ancestral families, & their descendants, today, &, in the future), there would have been no history.

No, you have not, on any point, mislead or confused me. I just realize that, on many peculiar points we are not using the same angle of reasoning. And, until someone finds "proof", we all have the same right to think. I just have so very little data on the Dunkelberger Family, here, in Perry County that I cannot easily discuss it. In fact, it has tied into my ancestral families, very little. My great-great-grandfather's brother, William Stambach (or Stambaugh) married — on Jan. 27, 1825 — Esther Dunkelberger (known as Hetty), a daughter of Jonathan & Maria Elisabeth. Immediately, I concluded that Jonathan must have been a son of Clement; but, have never learned more, nor the maiden name of his wife. And, who has any record!

I had given you the surname Gardner, as I had found her maiden name stated on the gravestone of the wife of Clement or C. Dunckelberger. Now, I find that, as I searched the records of Dunkel's Church, in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., I found his wife's name recorded as Anna Maria Hauer. However, he may have been married, twice.

Books cost far more than they should; but, since you have purchased a copy of Mr. Knittle's book, I hope that you will always find it a source of valuable information. Frequently those lists have wondering, when I'm seeking for something definite & names are repeated, & in cases such as you have suggested — in which one may never find any more definite data.

Due to the medicine & shots my doctor uses, to combat my infection, I could not complete this, yesterday, & had to go walking, instead. This morning, while it's cool, maybe, I can do it more easily. I'm regaining, very well, excepting, for the infection, which may continue, for weeks yet.

Do you have access to the book, compiled by Mrs. C.R. Ruffy, on the "Lesh Family"? She gave your grandfather a copy, or two.

That Olinger problem is constantly with me. While I have my own line proven, excepting for the maiden-name of the first wife of Johann Georg II, who came to Perry Co., I'm ever curious as to the names of all of his children, who they married, & their descendants.

Since I know nothing, concerning earlier Bilner generations, I was not able to determine whether those I mentioned, in my last letter, were yours, or not. I should state "whether either was your ancestor".

My letters become too detached. But, when one is corresponding or working with a score or more of persons, at such great distances, & relative to so many "family-lines", one discussion, so frequently, stirs thought on another. And, if the pen doesn't soon record the thought, it becomes buried under so much else. (My pen has been failing me; & I just ask you to pardon the "scratching".

Returning to those Palatine Immigrants, as I rested in the shade, the other day, I tried to count my ancestors — amongst them — & was amazed. We are positive of: Johann Adam Walborn & wife, Anna Elisabetha; Balthazar Loesch (died at Sea) & wife, Susannah Phillipina; Johann Georg Loesch Sr. & wife, Anna Christina (born Walborn); Johann Nicholas Schaefer & wife, Maria Catharina; &, probably, their son, Michael Schaefer & his wife, Anna Margaretha (born Glab, Gloff, Kloff, Kloffe ?), & her parents. (I've written a party, in Berks Co., in hopes of obtaining data on the early generations of Kloffe, or, being directed to some person, who has done research on the family. Thanks, to a minister who has unfolded that Schaefer ancestry to us. His ancestor was a brother of Johann Nicholas. And Johann Adam Lesch, brother of our Johann Georg, was also his ancestor. A "big world", filled with human souls, rapidly decreases in size, as we reason & learn the correlation of the families, who have (& yet) populated it.

When you come to Newport, I do hope that you will come to visit us. Mother & I have crowded ourselves into a second-floor apartment, but 'its' all that we need. And, all, who desire to visit us, are very welcome.

I had better make no apologies; & just ask you to overlook the appearance of this letter.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Lenig

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. 17074
September 5, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

Your problems have been on my mind, considerably, since you were here; yet, I did not desire to urge you, beyond what time permits you to do, & I've had considerable other problems & correspondence with researchers.

On the day, following your visit, I went with my nephew & his cousin to visit some interesting & historic places, in Lancaster & Lebanon Counties & even though it was late in the day, we did visit the old "Christ Lutheran Church in Tulpehocken", just west of Stouchsburg, before turning toward home. We saw the group of Broszman or Brossman graves, but the sun, shining directly in our faces, made it impossible to read the weatherworn German inscriptions. A friend had loaned me his negatives, & I hope that the prints will be legible, when I receive them. It's possible that we have other common-ancestors buried there. I want to spend a lot of time, there, someday. Berks Co.

Just now, while resting & searching my abstracts of Wills (1820-1855), I found an item, which may bear upon your ancestry. The Will of Henry Orris, of Saville Twp., Perry Co., dated Apr. 10, 1833, & proven, June 12, 1833, mentions: sons — Geo., Adam, Henry, & Samuel; daughters — Barbara & Elizabeth (wife of Daniel Smith [son of Daniel, son of Valentine, son of Karl, Sr.]); step-son, John Pratts; grandson, John, son of Adam Bitner. With no knowledge of the Bitners, I'm unable to ever surmise, but realize that you should have the item. I've added my own designation of the Daniel Smith, in brackets, which, I'm sure, you will understand.

Inferring that Mrs. Ruppi's book (the Lesh Family) reached you, I've been wondering whether you have ever seen the book & supplement, compiled by my grandfather's cousin, Wm. W. Lesh, & others, about 1914 — "Descendants of Balthasar & Susanna Philippina Loesch." His grandson, Wm M. Lesh, advised me, last time I contacted him, that he had only a few remaining sets, for sale. I believe that the price was $1.50, per set. If you would desire a set, or, in case that someone else, whom you know, desired one, you should have his address —

Mr. Wm. M. Lesh, 702 Annapolis Road, Garland-Glen Burnie P.O., Anne Arundel Co., Maryland.

When you mentioned the "Book of Names", & I commented on it, I didn't mean to discourage you from obtaining a copy. I really con-sider it fine for a library of history & genealogy.

I've used mine, frequently, since I've been searching for proof or clues, on the Klopp line. I surmise that our Michael Schäfer married Anna Margaretha Klopp, a daughter of Peter Klopp, the Palatine Immigrant. And, there's a possibility that Franz Brossman II married Maria Saloma Klopp or Maria Saloma Becker.

David Fry – April 11, 1816 – Sept. 1, 1884 (aged 68-4-21) – buried in U.B. Cem., Mannsville.
1st wife, Catharine Bailer – – – aged 44.
2nd " , Sarah A. _____ Feb 6, 1821 – Feb 5, 1903 – buried in U.B. Cem., Mannsville.

John – 1832 – 1893
married Lydia Burd – 1831 – 1911.

Samuel –

Andrew –

Ellen –
married Nicholas Bitner –
Anna Catharine – April 27, 1840 – April 25, 1900 — buried in Lutheran-Reformed Cem. at Bloomfield
(3rd wife) → married Sep. 15, 1861 – John Raffensperger II – Feb. 28, 1820 – March 16, 1898
Wesley – Aug. – 1843 – March 26, 1908 (64-6-28)
married Sarah J. Diven – Apr. 2, 1846 – March 30, 1911.
Sarah Jane –
married Aaron Woods –
Annabella – Jan. 7, 1848 – March 31, 1860 – buried in St Andrew's Church Cem., Esheal.
Mary
married Henry Sunday –

In his Will, David Fry mentioned his step-son, Martin Fry, as his Executor, & mentioned a Note, against a son, Samuel, then at Ottawa, Illinois. But, he didn't mention any other child, by name.

I feel positive that the step-son, Martin Fry (probably just known as Fry) married Elisabeth Klinepeter. It was, probably, in January or February of 1861, that an Edward Fry burned to death, in his small hut, a mile or more east of the Leiby homestead – of which you have a picture. Edward Fry's son & family live in another house, at the same place; but they have so little knowledge of their forebears. I intend visiting them, again, & may be able to lead them to recall more. Their tall boy is named Wesley, but that's due to his mother being a daughter of Wesley Mc Naughton

The Raffenspergers had several children
Wesley Fry had, at least, three

I've failed to learn about children of the Bitners, Woods, & Sundays.

II

In our correspondence & conversation, we have never compared our Frey—Fry ancestry. I did mean to ask you where you had learned that yours came from York Co., which may be accurate.

We know not from whence came our Adam Frey, who settled in this County, in Little Germany Valley. His Will proves that he died ca. Dec., 1815, leaving: wife, Mary; sons — John, Peter, Abraham, George, Daniel; & daughters — Elizabeth Garlin, Catharine Bosler, Margaret, & Lavina.

> John (Johannes), my ancestor, married Maria Christina Olinger

> Peter must have been the head of a branch, in western Perry Co. {wife may have been Catharine Bausum?}

[Catharine Eve] ← > Abraham married Eve ~~Elizabeth~~ ____?, & reared a family, near Bloomfield.

> George must have lived in Saville Twp., & had three wives — Catharine Miller, Mary Catharine Umholtz, & Rebecca Jane DeCoster — & 15(?) children. The former editors in Newport, Francis A. Fry, & his sons, David & Geo., were descendants of Geo & the first wife.

> Daniel lived & reared a family, in the Dellville area.

> We have no trace of the daughters.

About thirty years ago, I discussed this line with the late Rev. Chas. I. Raffensperger, whose mother was a Fry. And, while he designated a David Fry as his grandfather, & I didn't like to doubt him, I wondered where he had proof. Maybe it will prove to be your line, even though he was so positive of his relationship with Judge Sheridan E. Fry, in Chicago, who was my grandmother's "double-cousin" — cousins, on both sides, Fry & Bucher. The Rev Mr. Raffensperger (who wife was my grandfather's cousin), when visiting in Chicago, visited Sheridan Fry, & even accompanied him to Court & sat on the Bench with him. Even without any written record, or dates, for proof, I just dare not doubt him.

When you have reason to write, again, please outline what you have on your Fry line, & I'll do more searching, in the meantime. There was a very large Frey clan, in York Co.; but, when I searched the published genealogy (which sold at $15.00), I was unable to connect ours with any branch of it. In Berks & Lancaster Counties the name was legion, in early years, & I have just established no ties, earlier than in Perry Co. However, I see no point in forgetting the problem.

I am still hoping that we'll be able to establish the surmised Olinger—Campbell—Dunkleberger connection, & maybe you'll be able, eventually to prove or disprove my surmise of the Bausum—Bitner connection.

Here, I must close. Today, writing, in bed, seems quite problematical. Awaiting your convenience, & assuring you of my enjoyment of your visit, I am

Sincerely,

Harry Lenig.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074
September 19, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

It was understood that you were returning to College & would have a full score of preparation & moving. My nephew returned to Grove City College, yesterday. Last year, I accompanied them, on the trip.

It was nice of Mrs. Rupp, to send you one of her "Lesh books", & I might have advised you concerning the given name Balthasar or Balthazar, & its common-form Baltzer or Balser. I believe that, in the Catholic Church, if parents presented a child for baptism, giving the name Baltzer, the Priest would ignore it, & baptize it as Balthasar. I often consider that we descendants have reason to be grateful that we had an ancestor bearing that great name — of one of the Wise Men, who came with the priceless gifts for the Christ-Child. Our landlord is Harry Baltzer Lesh, Jr.

I've been hoping that Wm M. Leed still has the Lesh genealogy (sets), for sale.

You have mentioned the surname "Clay", which was "Klee", among the Penna.-Dutch, even though the German for Clay is thon or lehm. Sometimes, I wonder whether the surname was not Klee & has been corrupted as Clay. They have never tied into any of my lines, excepting that, where your uncle Norman formerly lived, the wife of Samuel Clay, who lived there, was a McKeehan, & her mother was a Beaver (formerly Boehler), a granddaughter of Valentine Schmidt. But, as you saw those names appearing near Barbara Smith's grave, one must always remember that they, in early days, buried in rows & there were seldom "family-rows". Many times husband & wife were separated by other graves. In the old Christ Church cemetery in Bloomfield, a renovation has caused gravestones to be badly re-aligned. You mentioned possibly coming, sometime later, with your brother — in which case, I wish that there would be convenient time for me to accompany you to that & other cemeteries, that you might become acquainted with such as I have learned. The marble-cutter made the error Neiers, & since I had planned the marker, I hope to be able to have it corrected.

I'm not surprised at your query, concerning John Fry Sr. & Jr. No, in that certain case my John Fry (Johannes Frey) Sr. had a son, Johannes, who married Catharina Beistlein - daughter of Christopher - & they lived, childless, in Tuscarora Twp, and were weavers. My grandmother often spoke of her great uncle & aunt, John & Katy.

You have me "out on a limb", when discussing that surname Vandruse, which is also spelled Vonderau. I just know nothing about it, but have always been curious. I've been wondering just who to ask, since I know that the name existed in Pleasant Valley, Centre Twp.

Thanks, for your Orris chart! It eliminates my supposition of your Bitner ancestor having been a Bausum or Bousum, & thereby an Olinger branch. And, here's new data, for you, from the Lebanon Church Cemetery, in Loysville.

Henry Orris, born in Heidelberg, Germany, July 31, 1770 — died Feb. 6, 1833
— his wife — Anna Mary Echleberger, born Nov. 23, 1770 — died June 16, 1831.

Reverting to the Dunkelberger line, here's, probably, data which I had failed to give to you —

Anna Maria Olinger (1789-1831) married Wm. Campbell (1773-1858), soldier in War of 1812, whose father came from Scotland
Their children were: (as told me, by an aged granddaughter, Maria Louisa Scholl Leech)
William — married Elizabeth Merrick, & lived in Harrisburg
George (1817-1907) " Catharina Schmidt, sister of Jonathan (Jonas)
Sarah " Matthew Adams — in whose home (at Newport) Wm. Sr. died.
Betsy = Elizabeth " ..... Hummell, & lived, I've been told, in Fishing Creek Valley.
Nancy (1820-1901) " Joseph Flickinger — lived & died near Markelsville.
Margaret (1822-1890) " David Crist — " " " "
Jane (1829-1903) " Geo. Keller Scholl — " at Newport
Anna Mary
Catharine ..... married ..... Dunkelberger
Lydia (youngest) lived in the West

When the mother, Anna Maria Olinger Campbell died, their home was somewhere, near "Blue Ball", now known as Alinda, which is not so far south of the homestead of her father, Johann Georg Olinger, Jr. But, no one has remembered where she was buried — my opinion is, "where her parents were buried". At any rate, it was "common", in those days, for a father to leave his orphaned child, permanently, with a kind relative; & it's possible that Jonathan married again, began life, anew, "across the mountain", in Cumberland Co., & his daughter, Catharine, remained, until married, with her aunt. It gives me a clue, by which to make inquiries, cautiously. I'm trusting that Maria Leech was correct, in stating that her aunt married a Dunkelberger, when it now appears that she may have had a child, bearing that name, instead. (Doubtless, your grandmother will recall Maria Leech — known as "Sissy Scholl")

It's quite late, & I'll leave other "thoughts", until later

I should remind you that, on the chart you sent, stating Valentine Schmidt's line, you have stated his son, Daniel, who was Daniel Sr., while his son, Daniel, Jr. had married Elizabeth Orris (they lived in a Western State) Valentine had several children. His wife's name was Maria Elisabetha Sierer.

Later, I'll prepare some "additional data" to keep with your Lesch book; & possibly we'll obtain more Brossman data.

With best wishes for your new term & your teaching experience, —

Sincerely

Harry Lenig

P.S. My nephew Charles Treuler, is descended from Anna Margaretha & Maria Catharina Lesch, & from Catharina Schmidt Lenig
Peter Schmidt II
& Johannes Schmidt !!

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074
September 30, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni -

To your interesting letter, an immediate reply should be made, lest a task, which awaits me, causes me to delay, too long. However, realizing that you have even more urgent duties, my writing you, at any time doesn't demand, of you, an immediate reply.

Let me admit, at the start, that my understanding of Heraldry, & all that it involves, is very meagre, even though I'm intrigued by it. I often sit in our church & study the designs on the high windows, bearing the scriptural emblems — Cross & Crown, Grapes of Eshcol, harp, The Word & the Sword, the Lamb enthroned (Agnus Dei), the lilies, The Word, a lamp & a light, etc., & the decorations of circles, feathers or plumes, representing Biblical Numbers, & so many other, stirs my desire to learn more. I would urge the minister to preach sermons on those, but so few persons see any reason to learn & remember those figurative lessons, which meant so much to our earlier European forebears, who, in their peasantry & lack of education were largely taught the lessons from the Scriptures by object-lessons & pageantry — such as Punch & Judy (Pontius Pilate & Judas Iscariot), & on down to a Passion Play. Our people, in this day, want their children to become educated & loaded down with athletics, etc., yet little do they respect learning & knowledge, on their own part. & just seek entertainment, excitement, politics, etc., giving the Church, its doctrines, Sacraments & teachings, the last place in their life.

Without a good understanding of it, I'm aware of & curious about Heraldry, & the beautiful manner & magnificent portrayal of Emblems, Shields, Crowns, Jewels & even the "butcher's hatchet" — all, so meaningful.

Yes, you are asking me questions, which I would often have asked, if I were near a person who knew. It has been a question in my mind, always, why the Loesch Family should be seemingly affiliated or associated with Families bearing the surnames, Hirschhausen & Kocherity, &, thereby, placing the Loesch helmet between those. No, I'll not be able to enlighten you, but I concur with your curiosity. And, if my grandfather's cousin were yet living, I would write her & ask where she found the record, as in our Stambach Family. It seems to me that she obtained that data at the Historical Society of Penna., in Philadelphia.

There must be, on record, somewhere, definite reference to or a copy of the "letter declaring them Barons". It refers also to them being created Counts, in 1790 But, that a long "stretch" of years from their liberation, in 1653. I intend making more definite inquiry, soon,

&, I hope that your efforts will be profitable.

I have a very good friend in Lancaster — Rev. Frederick S. Weiser, who is Assistant Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church (with more than 1200 Communing members. He is a descendant of Johann Adam Lösch, brother of our Johann Georg Sr. Apparently, he has been a professional researcher, during his College & Seminary years (even with lecturing in Gettysburg College, while a Seminarian). He must be a very capable & efficient person. I met him, once, for a few minutes. We became acquainted, by correspondence, early, in 1960, & he has been a real friend. At that time, he was Ordained & Installed.

I do limit my correspondence with him, to the very necessary, & at long intervals, since he is just too heavily occupied to take care of un-necessary or unprofitable correspondence.

Recently, Mrs Rupp sent him one of her books; & three years ago I traded a set of Wm W Lesh's books for one of another "family", which Pastor Weiser had. He has been very much interested in both, & has written Mrs. Rupp a letter, which he asked her to share with me. I have copied from it & returned it to her. Due to his heavy schedule, I'll wait a reasonable length of time, then write him my comments. He fears that he has misinformed us, & that our Christina Lesch (wife of Balthasar), may not have been a daughter of Michael Schaffer. I'll inform you more fully, on that matter, later.

He also states that he has contacted a genealogical friend, in Germany, who has failed to locate a Gernsheim, in the period of Johann Georg Loesch's birth — 1699; & advised that Gernsheim was founded "in the 1850's." It's my opinion that long before 1800 Georg Lösch's gravestone was inscribed thus; & if there was no such place, who would "create" the name? Pastor Weiser hopes to visit Germany, next summer, & make a personal search. Such as I learn from him, I'll share with you.

He has also checked in Moravian Archives & has found what he terms "the census of Moravian families, in the Tulpehocken Congregation" (which, I'm certain, were usually, largely Lutheran, being mis-led, & hoodwinked!)

Later, when I send you a list of "corrections", for the Wm W. Lesh book, I'll include this complete family; but, here, I must share this: (our Balthasar Lesch Sr., who died in Bethel Twp. Berks Co., in 1802)

Moravian records state:

Johann Baltzer Lösch, born March 19, 1734 — his Sponsors, at Baptism, were Baltzer Ampach & wife.

From his gravestone (where too many inscriptions are erroneous), we have his birth as, in 1730, which would place him as a twin with his sister, Maria Catharina, while there was another sister between those two.

I have just failed to enlighten you, in your curiosity, but, as Pastor Weiser states "those "secrets" will not run away."

Until later — Cordially, Harry Lenig.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074 -
October 21, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni -

It seems like imposing upon your scheduled time, & I certainly would not begin an immediate reply; but, I must thank you for "rousing my memory". Since our correspondence began, I've been "believing" that someone had once contacted me, concerning the Dunkelberger Family, & my memory was just "too slow". When the surname "Voss" appeared, in your letter, I began searching through hundreds of letters, & found it. In 1957, Mrs. H. E. Voss (Sadie Dunkelberger Voss), of 2727 Sumner St., Lincoln 2, Nebraska, wrote me. (And, at the closing, she stated that she has/had a son, Carrol M. Voss, living near Gettysburg, "who runs a helicopter operation from there). Now, either, you have been misinformed, or Carrol Voss has a daughter Carol. At any rate, I hope that you receive a reply. And, if not, you could, then, try contacting Mrs. H. E. Voss.

She gave me this information:

About 1814, five sons of Clement II migrated, from Berks Co., to (present) Perry Co. — Jonathan (1774-1844 = Will dated 1838), David (1799 - 1865), John (1776-1857) married Catharine Sunday, Benjamin (1793-1857), Solomon (1795-1854). Benjamin & Solomon went to New York State. The other three remained in Perry Co.

Their mother, Mary Gardner, or Gortneer (or Gwtner) = 1752-1821 = is buried in St. Peter's Church Cemetery, while the father, evidently, died in Berks Co.

She was hoping to learn the maiden name of Maria Elisabetha, wife of Jonathan. And, also stated that Jonathan's Will mentioned — Solomon, John, Sarah, Georg, Jonathan & Hetty (actually, Esther) = who married William Stambaugh. She stated, also, that John (son of Jonathan) went West — descendants living at Attica, Indiana; & inferred that Sarah, Georg & Jonathan (Jr), may have done likewise. She did not know, & I've wondered, often, whether Jonathan (Jr) may have gone over into Cumberland Co., after the death of a first wife, who may have been a Campbell. (?)

By this time Mrs Voss may have obtained much more data.

I do have this —

Esther (Hetty) - born Sep. 23, 1808 - died Nov. 1, 1863, daughter of Jonathan, married Jan. 27, 1825 - William Stambach (Stambaugh), born Nov. 26, 1804 - died Nov. 4, 1884

Children: William, b. Nov 6, 1825 - d. May 3, 1897 - married Mary (Koser) Dunkelberger (widow of John)
Jonathan - went West
Daniel " "
Elias - b. Jan. 31, 1831 - d. May 6, 1902 - married, Sarah, dau. of John & Mary (Koser) Dunkelberger
Sarah - married Wm. Neunemacher
Israel - went West
Mary Jane - b. Nov 6, 1836 - d. Oct. 8, 1864 - married Geo W. Flickinger
Elvina — " — Uhler, at Carlisle.
Caroline — married Harvey Bennett & — Blackwell

I may have stated, in a former letter, that, in records of New Jerusalem (Dunkels) Church, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co., appears the baptism of Maria Elisabetha, daughter of Clemens Dunkelberger & wife (name not stated), on May 31, 1749. Sponsors: Matthias Aspach & wife. Possibly, he was Clement I, since Mrs Voss has referred to Clement II.

In "Baptisms by Rev. Daniel Schumacher" (1754-1774) —
in 1767, Jacob Guertner & wife, Maria Elisabetha were Sponsors for a daughter of Philip Stamback & Christina (my 4th-great-grandparents). They (the Sponsors) may prove to be your ancestors!

And, this, I may have sent earlier, but considering that there were two Clements, one of them had a wife, Anna Maria (born Hauer)

Since you have inquired, I have learned nothing further, concerning Catharine M. Dunkelberger; &, when, one day, I suddenly gained the idea that you had reference to the Elmer Smith, who has built a new brick house, not far from your uncle Clarence's home, & on the opposite side of the street, I went to visit him. We had never known them; but, I had an excuse — his father was John L. Smith; & their line runs back: John L., son of Henry Frey Smith, son of Abraham P (& Catharine Fry), daughter of Johannes & Maria Christiana (Olinger) Frey. However, he had been a great distance from his home & family, so long, & can relate very little. And, when I used the Olinger-Frey-Campbell alliance as a lead to our query, & even led down my efforts to prove a Campbell-Dunkelberger ancestor for Clarence, he, either, was not following me or preferred to be silent. But, it will eventually reveal itself!

By your other inquiry, you do not surprise me, since I "sensed" a "natural inclination, in your first two letters, which I could not discard, as "nonsensical." Having never made such inquiries, myself, I do not hesitate to refer you to a person, who will be most interested, genial, & truthful, with you. She is Miss Elizabeth Kieffer, % Historical Society of the Evangelical & Reformed Church, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna. Miss Kieffer had been associated with the Lancaster County Historical Society; but, in these more recent years, has been the Archivist of that Historical Society, of which I am a member. I spent an afternoon, there, two weeks ago, & was disappointed in not meeting Miss Kieffer, being informed that she had not been in, having been ill, for several days. However, if you contact her, with such inquiry, I'm positive that she will be keenly interested, & advise you very well. I consider her one of my very best friends; & you may state that I referred you to her. It would also be very well for you to advise her that Rev Maurice Smith is your uncle; & to make known our cooperation, during these recent months, briefly stating our "common ancestral lines." She reveals much interest in my searching, & I have been in that Library, several times.

I do hope, however, that your amazing interest, & my encouraging you, will not be contrary to your parents hopes & desires, for your future. Later, I'll relate a similar experience, I had, which came to bitter results, unnecessarily, due to outside interference & disrespect.

Trusting that this rambling letter does not badly confuse you, & that you may find Miss Kieffer able to advise you, well, Until later — Cordially, Harry Leing.

Here, are corrections, for your Loesch Genealogy —

The graves in the Moravian Cemetery, at Nazareth, Penna., are inscribed:

(Johann Georg Sr) Georg Loesch – born Apr. 23, 1699 – (at) Gernsheim, Germany
died Aug. 15, 1790

(Anna Christina) Christina Loesch – born Nov. 24, 1700 – Weisbaden, Germany
died Dec. 17, 1782.

P. 13 – Johann Adam Loesch – died 3/3/1768 aged 73 } Buried in Cemetery at
wife – Anna Sophia Kopp – " Mar. – 1771 " 76 yrs. 4 mo. } "Christ Lutheran Church in Tulpehocken", west o Stouchi

Susanna Margaretta married Valentine Viehman; had son, Adam, b. Feb. 23, 1744

Anna Christina & Abraham Neff – married June 8, 1742

Christina Elisabetha Loesch, born Sept 28, 1763 – of Johann Adam & Anna → possibly, son of Joh. Georg. S

Johann Adam, son of Michael Ehrhardt & Catharina Elisabetha (Lösch) Ehrhardt – born Dec 27, 174

(14) Maria Sophia, daughter " " " " " " – married May 27, 1740
of Johann (Jacob) Lösch & wife, Catharina, born Apr. 3, 1756 (after her father's death

(15) Johann Jacob Loesch, born Mar 30, 1757

(Johann Balthazer (or Baltzer Sr.) = gravestone states Balser
– his wives (could be 2 or 3) & their own children have become an urgent problem; (my best listing, below
son = Johann Peter – Apr 4/14, 1763 – died Oct 23/28, 1842. These, I must check, accurately!
– his wife may have been Maria Catharina Eder. I admire the work, they did, when records & modes of travel, were a problem; but, I'm sorry that cousin Wm Lest & his associates didn't see the value of more accurate spellings; & a more thorough search, where possible. One must use a strong imagination, along with every possible clue, & be very tolerant of denominational Church Records

(18) – Nov. 2, 1824 – Jonathan Lesch married Rachel English (an illegitimate child who was reared by Robert Mitchell.

From Moravian Records, we now have the best sequence of names of the children of Johann Georg Loesch Sr. (if I haven't sent the dates, please advise me, since I fail to remember just who I have copied data for:

Johann Jacob (1722), Susanna Phillipina (1724), Hermanus (1726), Maria Elisabetha (1728)
* Christina Elisabetha (1732), Maria Catharina (1730) ** Johann Baltzer (1734), by gravestone b. 1730
Margaretha Elisabetha (1736), Johann Georg (1738), Johann Adam (1741), Maria Barbara (1744)

And, the sequence, of the children of our Perry Co. Baltzer, seems to run, thus:
Anna Margaretha (1789), Christina (1790), Maria Catharina (1792), (Mrs. Zimmerman ?),
Jonathan (1796), Maria Elisabetha (1799), Eva Louisa (1801), Barbara (1803), Johannes (1804-1810)
Jacob (1806), Benjamin (1808), Sarah (1809), Daniel (1813)

Of Baltzer, Sr & his wives:
Johannes, Benjamin, Johann Jacob (1757), Anna Maria (1760), Anna Christina (1761) may have died young
Johann Peter (1763), Baltzer Jr (1765), Maria Salome (1767), Johann Georg (1770),
Maria Barbara (1774), Anna Catharina (1775), Christina (deceased by 1802, leaving two daughters),
Elisabetha (1799).

"TOPPER"

Dear Friend ~

Newport, Penna., November 7, 1963

Having stated that I would, later, advise you of an experience we had, I'll begin it, now, expecting to be interrupted, at any time.

Inferring that you probably know a young man, in this town, by name of Harry Focht, since he has mentioned your family, & I surmised that he had been at your grandmother's home, when you were there. In fact, in his impudent manner, I recall him (in our home) speaking, in a scoffing manner about the Italian doctor & his being Catholic. I didn't appreciate such, but since we heard him speak, so much, in such impudent scoffing, about others, I had dismissed it from my mind — until since your visit with us. Certainly, I do not advise him of our acquaintanceship & common interests.

Just to give you an idea of his lack of respect for other persons & their rights & feelings, I visited at the home of relatives (near Kistler, or Sandy Hill), & their son, who has always been a very decent person, has entered Waynesburg College, where Harry is now a Senior (at 24). This lad, who has always been close to his good parents, became very homesick, & wasn't permitted to come home, in his first month or six weeks. While in that trying period, Harry, had the "brass" to ask him whether he wanted to come along home with him. (He, of course, is a "big somebody — driving a Volkswagon (the seventh car that his mother has provided for him, since he graduated from High School). The lad was compelled to refuse the "offer". Then, when his parents had gone to visit him, & he reached the period when he could come home, he asked Harry whether he would be coming home & could bring him along. Harry, very antagonizingly replied, "I do think that you like me"! He was so hurt, & phoned his parents, about it. They advised him to tell Harry that, if he hadn't intended coming home, or didn't care to bring their son along, they would make the trip, themselves. He, then, decided to come; & they paid him, well, for the favor. He pretends being a ministerial student.

Our harsh experience began, in 1957, when Harry inquired of me for data, in preparing a "term-paper" on "Family Tree". (He has never shown me the results!) From then, on, excepting when he was under the influence of one of his frequent tantrums or his "treacherous attitudes", he visited us, at any time; came for meals; stayed over night — just acting, on impulses.

We made trips to Courthouses, Historical Societies, the State Library & cemeteries — wherever our search led. But, there was no gratitude, since he lacks such; & his divorced parents opposed his interest; while a young woman, who had "accused" him, held him under "engagement", for several months, over his graduation period, & had him in a non-cooperative state with me, as well as with the High School Principal.

A large & historical land draft of this area (about 2 miles by 5 miles, in size), which he had planned (in my home) for his "School-exhibit" of that term, he refused to complete, & I remade it, & larger, delivering it to the Principal's Office, where he found it, & exhibited it, to his own credit (The dignified Principal commended me!).

Late in that summer, after too many of his air-castles had collapsed, he crept back to our home & desired to do some more drafting. I had not permitted him to keep that which I had spent twenty hours, in the making of. I also took him on trips, which no one else would have considered doing, for him, & we learned a lot. Yet, when I planned to take him to the State Museum, & came for him, he had deliberately gone elsewhere, to disappoint me. Later, he phoned, after we had retired, & asked whether I would care to take him to York, next morning. As I had or have never refused any of his requests, I went to his home, early, only to learn that he had gone elsewhere — & his loud, cursing, mother didn't care that he had misused me & was still moaning & cursing about everything, when I closed the door & left. At another time, he phoned me whether we could go to the State Library, next morning; &, when I went to his home & downtown, until I found him, he was in one of his tantrums & would not talk, nor co-operate, & I just ignored it all, & went to the Courthouse.

General Frank E. Tressler, ex-present District Attorney (my good friend, for more than thirty years) begged me to do an "historical title-search & draft" of the entire campus of the Carson Long Institute (Military Academy, at Bloomfield), of which, he is a Trustee. When I consented, he asked me to bring the young man along, & he would also receive $1.00 per hour. We would work in Gen. Tressler's Office, & he would advise us. We had a problem, urging Harry to consent; & after several weeks, on the job, he became so non-cooperative & impudent that he would not speak to me, unless the Tressler's were in one of the rooms, & drove off to Bloomfield, in the morning, without me. His actions caused the work to rest "on the shelf", for three months; then, when he learned that I had returned to it, he quarreled with his employer — on a farm — & crept back to the job. Gen. Tressler showed no resentment, but kept his eye on the lad, thereafter. Eventually, as the end of August approached, he urged us to state our time, that he could have us paid, to date. The next Monday morning, he came to our table, with the checks. Harry received $180.00. Mine was more, since I had spent days & hours, alone, there. But, then, Gen. Tressler, who had spent many years in Military Service, in a legal manner, in Germany, sat down, & delivered to Harry, a lecture, such as he will never want to face, again. And, soon after noon, he desired to quit, so that he could take his check to the Bank. That was early in Sept., 1958, & to this day, he would ignore any suggestion to complete that work. Someday, I'll review & complete it, myself. He doesn't want to face Gen Tressler, who is a cancer-patient — having undergone severe surgery, in a Harrisburg Hospital & in Memorial Hospital, in New York City, & will be unable to speak, indefinitely, if ever. We did persuade Harry to return books, which Gen Tressler had loaned us, in 1958. But, the most important — one which belongs to Col. Holman — Harry denies having, even though I read it & handed it to him, in his home.

Back to our research — Harry & I had several very interesting trips, on which we were in eighteen Counties, the Courthouses, Libraries, Historical Societies; & I'm almost positive that we visited more than 150 old & historic churches (& the cemeteries) — some locations dating back to earlier than 1700. Our last long trip consumed four days & took us into parts of Dauphin, Lancaster, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Berks, & Lebanon Counties (& to, at least 35 churches, & cemeteries). But, as usual, when he had gained his point, he had no need of me, for ten days or longer, until he desired something more — & he knew no other friend, with such interest!

Easily could I recall & write several pages more, & as people, who have never cared for him or his folk, have condemned me for being kind to him, & commending him, in his better interests & actions, while admitting his treachery, deceit, disrespect, impudence, & the ill-will & contention he created in his church, I have to admit that he forced entry into locked churches, in this county, as well as in Berks & Lebanon, & meddled with the pipe organs (or electronics), wherever he found one unlocked — in city or rural areas. It caused me trouble, when my license number had been seen; & I was also compelled to return alone to Courthouses, where he had defied rules & searched files, without permission. It was decided that he would not be permitted, excepting in my company.

After I had gone with him, on all such trips & helped him to find & obtain more data on history of those Counties, Churches, & genealogy than any other person in Perry County, excepting myself, it's difficult to imagine that he would betray my mother & I, as he did. Yet, he inherits the trait, honestly.

Such as we would find, which I would read & he would copy, he has not, since, shared with me. We found a German-script Will, in the Courthouse, in Reading (dated, back in the 1700's), which we had hoped to find for two years; I had to study line after line in the fine, sharp German-script to find the dates, names of beneficiaries, & anything of value to us. And, went over it, the second time, to find the widow's name. Now, in these five years, since, no matter how much I beg him for a copy of that data, he ignores me.

And, the historical data which I loaned him, in 1957 & '58, he means to keep & has been replying with alibies, until, he has boldly stated that he does not have them & never had, & threatened me, if I make further demands.

He once demanded a bill of what he owed me & I was advised & made a very large bill. It has been ignored &, during the past year, one for about one-third of that amount has been ignored, even though he wrote me, last Spring, that, if he found a job, during the summer, & while he didn't consider that he owed me anything, because I had done him favors, he may give me something

Knowing that he had donated blood, for others, when I faced my fourth operation, in March, & needed more blood, I wrote him briefly, asking him to be a donor, for me, when he came home. There was no response, nor to three requests, since (the last request, he returned to me)

Last Fall, when his new pastor had been installed, before I went to the hospital, I visited him, & advised him of the type of person Harry has been; & he ignored it all — & while I lay in the hospital, eleven weeks, with other ministers stopping to visit me, that pastor ignored me, when there. And, he "fell" for the impostor. &, in June & August, when away, had him wear the robe & take his place at the Altar & pulpit, in both churches. Then, in my mother's (E.U.B.) Church, a member, who should have known better, urged the minister to have him as a "supply", when out of town. I know that minister, quite well; & know that he was puzzled — especially, when this young man, with a beatnik beard, came, to inquire about the order of the Service, for Sunday. He seemed pleased that I came in, to advise him of the situation. I do not understand this berating our pulpits & God's House, with "wolves in sheep's clothing". I well remember when, in any Reformed or Lutheran Church, he, who was not ordained would find no place at the Altar or pulpit (only at the lectern, in company with an ordained Servant) — excepting, when sent by the Synod.

Well, the climax to our visits, research, translating of Church Records, drafting, & all came, after a young woman (Child Evangelist) became infatuated over him & they had begun a courtship in the home of a widow. He had ignored our work; & ceased his visits — had also been "replaced", in his position, as Shipping clerk in a large furniture store, in Harrisburg.

I recall that, after advising him, by phone, that I had obtained a history, which he had wanted, he came to our home, late in Feb., just to get, & pay for, the book. I was also dealing for another, for him. Just one month later, he came, early, on a snowy morning, & spent the day with us (but didn't state that he had "quit" another job.) All day, our work was a confusion & he was destroying typed pages & making correct ones. Late, he declared that he must go home. But, when he left, he went up the valley, instead of toward Newport. We learned, later, that he had been imposing on another family about ten miles west of Newport, & going there for supper, nearly every evening.

Two days later, I went to Bloomfield, in the morning, & mother didn't feel well & would not go anywhere. On the previous evening a lady minister had preached in Harry's Church (your grandmother's), & mother could not go to the Service. At any rate, I told mother of three places — the Courthouse, Gen. Pressler's Office & Miss Zula Swartz's home, where she could phone me, if necessary. About 10:30 she phoned & was very nervous. She told me that she had had a visitor — a man had broken into the house.

After much questioning she admitted that she had the doors locked & was upstairs, searching for sewing material. (Maybe I hadn't made it definite, that we then lived four miles out, on the farm). Suddenly, she heard the stair-door unlatch & someone rushing up the stairs. Thinking that I was rushing home, for some reason, she stepped into the hall-way, meeting Harry Focht. It must have been shocking to both. She asked him what he was doing there, & how he entered, when doors were locked. He's brazen & bold & replied that he heard someone moaning terribly; & thought that someone was ill & had to get in & learn. I realize that mother was very nervous & was very hard with him. But, when he admitted that he had opened a window, she was more disturbed. He had forced a window, on the sun-porch, climbed in over some furniture gone through two rooms, & up the stairs. He knew of many, many things, in my room & elsewhere, which would have been a great temptation, had he found no one at home — as he suspected, when he saw that my car was gone, & no one came to the door. He looked at some papers, & left.

I rushed home, & after we had considered the matter, I decided to write him a demand to return & explain his actions & apologize. But, he ignored it, & would not respect me, on the street, even when on his way to the church to act as Superintendent. I made three futile efforts, then I advised the pastor (who was disgusted with him), the choir-director (who opposed him), Mr McKeehan (whom Harry had betrayed), & the English sisters. Soon, I laid the matter down to Gen. Tressler, & he just did not want to move, in the matter, because of where & upon whom much would reflect. We decided to continue begging his apology. But, when there was no response I phoned his mother, on an evening when Harry was at Communion Service. That caused a real disturbance; & since I had sat in their home & heard Harry & his mother arguing & cursing, for 45 minutes or longer, I realize what happened when he came in, from Church.

My exposing him, angered him, & when he knew that I had also fully advised that widow, he went to another attorney to bring suit against me. That attorney was friendly with me, & knowing that we worked with Gen Tressler, in his office & in the Courthouse, he delayed it until the next week & went & inquired of Gen. Tressler (I know what was discussed). Gen. Tressler advised him to make no move, stating that he had known me for a very long time, & he knew Harry very well & was disappointed by him — & that he knew which one he was for — & there could be no suit, since he was the District Attorney.

Harry had met defeat, in his unmanliness & deceit, & has only even spoken two words to me since — when we met in the State Library.

I intended about two pages, instead of all of these. But, maybe its best that you know it, as it is. It may even set you on guard (like us myself), when, in the future, someone, seemingly appealing drops into your life. Since I know what officials in Courthouses & Historical Societies (especially, the Archivist in the Historical Society of the Evangelical & Reformed Church, at F. & M. College) think of him & his treachery, [he & I are both members of the latter], it urges me to guard myself against such as is detected in such public institutions. And, I'm positive that you possess more self-respect & respect for others, than he deems necessary.

Only one other person has ever misused me, in all of my years of research & cooperation with others. And, I hope that, realizing your definite interest & willingness to cooperate, you will never meet with such results from three years of kindness & difinite interest.

He could have become my successor, when a day would appear in which I would necessarily relinquish the work (a day, for which I do not hope, I'll admit).

I must thank you for reading such disturbing matter, as this.

Sincerely, Harry Leng

I've recently found the enclosed clipping & thought that you would enjoy the privilege of copying it. Do not trouble in returning it.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074
November 15, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Probably, by the time that your interesting letter, concerning the Dunkelbergers, was in the mail, you received my letter, containing the published column, "Highland Campbells."

Vaguely, it seems that I had related the incident of obtaining that Campbell data. That aged lady, Maria Louisa Scholl Leech, had a wonderful memory; & "thanks" to John W. R. Campbell for directing me to her. One must remember that, at her age, & living alone, so long she could have "dreamed" more than the truth — yet, she stated, in each of my visits, that her brother, George, had made inquiry, somewhere, concerning the Campbells, back in Scotland. I made quite a search, as I wanted to loan that to you; &, our moving, twice, had it well buried among my boxes of material. I'm more than curious about the place of their settlement, when the came to America, at the time of William's birth; &, also, anything, concerning the older son, Robert. It may be revealed, eventually!

Another item: When you first sent charts of what you had, on your several lines, & I saw the name of your great-great-grandmother, Susannah (Berryman) (Comp) Brown, I had a "hunch", which has remained with me, since. The other day, in one of my small note-books, it appeared — your great-grandmother Smith had once given me some data, including this — Susanna Berryman, born May 20, 1831, died Jan. 26, 1917, daughter of Edward & Susannah (May) Berryman. I well recall her & the small log house, not far from our store. Almost everyone called her "Mammy Brown". She was the 2nd wife of John Brown (her 2nd husband) John Brown was a son of George Brown (from East Berlin, Adams Co.) & Regina Schmidt (daughter of Johann Adam Schmidt Sr., brother of Karl, Sr.) John Brown's 1st wife was Catharina Lenig, daughter of Johann Jacob & Maria (Schmidt) Lenig [Maria was a daughter of Peter I & Barbara] When one really delves into these early family-lines, it becomes such a net-work of intermarriages, kinship, & alliance, that the study of it draws like a magnet. I can state it thus to you, & be understood!

Since you have contact with those persons who have the Dunkelberger records, I'm enclosing data which you should have, to compare with theirs. Your deductions concur with mine, as to Jonathan Sr. & Jr., while we must learn much more, concerning Jonathan Jr. & his family. Maybe Mrs Leech failed to recall that Mrs Humbell "had just reared Catharine M. Dunkelberger" (?)

By next time, I hope to have an item (or more), bearing upon the Gurtners.
You are very considerate, in inquiring about our physical conditions.
Mother is very much as you saw her, while I am slowly improving.
With best wishes for yourself, I close — Cordially, Harry Lenig

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074
7 December, 1963

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

Since your last letter reached me, I've been "raking" out my boxes of scribbled notes, cemetery records, biographies, & whatever I can recall. & am enclosing additional Dunkelberger & Fry material.

Your grandmother agrees that the John Raffensperger & Wesley Fry families were her mother's cousins. Yet, the Nicholas & Ellen Bitner was beyond her recollection. I'm sorry that I did not inquire of the late Rev. Chas. I. Raffensperger, concerning the Bitner, Woods, & Sunday children, as well as those of Samuel & Andrew Fry.

At any rate, it leads your Fry line back into Adams Co. But, if as Chas. Raffensperger informed me, that his line & mine had a common ancestor, which we do believe, his reckoning of it is incorrect. [His wife (Pearl Stambaugh) was a cousin of my grandfather Lenig, also]

When you suggested "the families of Jeremiah & Johannes Dunkelberger", I had a surmise that enough research might uncover that data, also. And, it's almost disgusting just how much one can collect, file (?) or store, & forget about. I was able to the entire records (excepting, further data on Heinrich) Yet, it does not clear the problem. Like our Fry problem, I still keep hoping that "time will tell". What Mrs. Maria Leech told me (& I included in that column), seemed so vague; &, really, I hesitated to ask what would sound too inquisitive, on my part. Now, we have so few, if any, to inquire of. But, there's no reason to "die, in despair".

This will become a really "jumbled" letter; but, as I pick up items, I must pass them on, for your use or consideration.

In the Mannsville U.B. Cemetery are these items:
Frederick W. Burd (1841-1913). His wife, Annie E. (1845-1926) A son (?) Byron L. (1882-1946)
If you ever prove your line back to Matthias Burd Sr. - Revolutionary Soldier — I would like to show you where he & his wife rest, in unmarked graves, in a field.

Even though it actually must refer to a sister of our ancestress, I thank you for sending the data which came from Germany. I've copied it all, & am returning it, herewith. That much lead one to believe that someone, at another place, may find other data. I've seen references to Dr. Braun, & other such researchers, if I could recall the names.

Until later, & hoping that you find nice weather & good opportunities, during your holiday vacation; & thanking you for your kind thoughts toward us —

Wishing you a very merry Christmastide & a Happy New Year.

Cordially,
Harry Lenig

"TOPPER"

Jeremiah Dunkelberger – Apr. 24, 1804 – July 22, 1886
his wife, Susannah Bernheisel – May 31, 1811 – Sep. 5, 1871

Catharina – ~~May~~ March 8, 1832 – ~~May~~ March 1, 1833.
Anna Maria – Sep. 23, 1833 – May 8, 1917 – married Abraham Bauer (Bower)
Margaret – Feb. 28, 1835 – June 13, 1913 – " John McBride — (no children)
Priscilla – July 22, 1836 – June 3, 1916 – " Jacob Martin Stambaugh (no children).
Johannes – Jan. 24, 1838 – Feb. 26, 1901 – " Margaret A. Moorhead (lived in Cumberland Co.)
Son — b. & d. Aug. 15, 1839.
David B. – 1841 – 1914 – " Mary Catherine Sheaffer & Mrs Catharine (Chubb) Kell
Susannah – Oct. 19, 1843 – Nov. 26, 1846.
Son — b. & d. Nov. 15, 1845. (?)
Son — b. & d. Apr. 2, 1846. (?)
Daughter — Apr. 7, 1851 – Apr. 17, 1851.
Son — b. & d. May 25, 1854
Daughter — b. & d. Apr. 1, 1857.

Newspaper report: David Fry, near Manville died Sep. 1, 1884 age, 68/4/21

Biographical Encyclopedia of the Juniata Valley — page 1037 —

Abstract: David Fry, native of Adams Co., Penna.; farmer — (d. in 1885; age, about 60 ?)
— his wife, Catharine Bailer, born in Cumberland Co. b. _____ d. _____ age 44
— their children: Ellen, wife of Nicholas Bitner
Annabella
Jane, wife of Aaron Woode
Samuel
John
Anna Catharine, 3rd wife of John Raffensperger, Jr. (married Sep. 15, 1861)
Wesley – _____ – d. March 26, 1908 (age 64-6-28) wife Sarah J. Diven, d. Mar. 30, 1911 (64-11-
Andrew
Mary, wife of Henry Sunday
John Raffensperger was born Feb. 28, 1820.

In the "early 30's", I translated for a Mr. Billman, in Ohio (since, deceased), the Kirchen Buch, for the Church" in Albany in Allemaengel (Lutheran & Reformed). That church is near the town of Wessnersville (Stony Run P.O.), Albany Twp., Berks Co., & has also been commonly known as Jerusalem Church & "Red Church" That area, in the pioneer era was known as "the Allemaengel".

The Rev. Heinrich Melchior Muhlenberg, as early as 1747 visited that area & organized a Lutheran Congregation. Soon, thereafter, he Warranted 50A. of land, in his name, for the congregation, & they erected a church & a school-house. In later years, he deeded the land to the Lutheran Trustees: Phillip Stambach (mine), Jacob Gurtner (young, I believe), Valentine Probst, Michael Probst, & Georg Kistler

The Rev Daniel Schumacher began the Kirchen Buch, in 1768, when Phillip Stambach & Jacob Gurtner were among the Lutheran Managers (Deacons ?)

At that date, there was also a Johann Friedrich Gurtner in the congregation

I'll check my "Church Records" & report any findings, later.

— Harry Lenig

Sarah Dunkelberger sie ist zur Welt geboren den 22 tag februarij im iahr 1833 und ist getauft den 12 tag Mai im iahr 1833 Von Pfarrer Jacob Zoll.

Samuel Dunkelberger ist geboren den 19 tag february 1835 und ist getauft den 7 Maij 1835 Von Pfarrer Grim

Henrich Dunkelberger er ist geboren den 24 tag December 1836 und ist getauft den 12 tag iener 1837 Pfarrer Grim

Elias Dunkelberger er ist geboren den 12 tag Maij 1838 und ist getauft den 15 tag Maij 1839 Von Pfarrer Grim

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John Dunkelberger b. 1806 – d. Oct. 2, 1844, aged 37/11/3

wife Maria (or Mary) Koser (also Kosier) b. d. Dec. 21, 1851

her 2nd husband, Wm. Stambaugh, Jr. – b. d. May 3, 1897

her children: Sarah Dunkelberger – b. Feb. 22, 1833 – d. Apr. 2, 1915 married Elias Stambaugh

Samuel Koser Dunkelberger – b. Feb. 19, 1835 – d. March 2, 1907 md. { Catharine Lichtenberger / Margaret Jane Shibley

Heinrich Dunkelberger – b. Dec. 24, 1836 – (?)

Elias Dunkelberger – b. May 12, 1838 – md. Ellen Reiber

Catharine Dunkelberger – b. Feb. 1, 1841 – d. Jan. 23, 1913 – md. Jacob D. Stutzman

(Sybilla H., on gravestone) Sabilla (or Savilla) ?" – b. Apr. 29, 1844 – d. Apr. 8, 1921 – md. Jonathan Bistline

John Stambaugh – b. Apr. 28, 1848 – March 1, 1851.

Mary Lucetta " – b. June 9, 1851 – July 29, 1908 – married Alfred Henry Glenn.

Elmira " – b. Dec. 28, 1854 – Aug. 25, 1913 – " Peter Samuel Treesler Harlin

David " – b. Nov. 12, 1856 – d. Aug 21, 1863.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074 —
9 January 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

Your letter was quite welcome, & interesting; &, I thank you very much, for remembering us, with the "Greeting". I have been collecting examples of Religious Art, just in case that I, or some friend, may desire to create a scrap-book. Another collection is churches & cathedrals.

You didn't hear from me, recently, the main reason being that I knew of your hopes of coming to Penna., during the vacation; & it wouldn't have been fair to encourage such, when we had so much snow and traveling could become hazardous, at any time. It would have been impossible to accomplish, what you would desire, in such conditions.

However, it was a satisfaction to learn more & begin recording data, on your father's side. I'm certain that you'll find that line quite intriguing, even though different.

I may have confused you, in some statement; or, you may be recalling the branch of the Leech Family, which migrated to North Carolina. I never have heard of any of our early Smiths migrating to North Carolina; however, as aged persons have carried the tradition, a brother of Johann Adam Schmidt, Sr., the Revolutionary Soldier, migrated from Berks Co. to Virginia. He would have been a brother of our Karl Schmidt, Sr., as well.

The newspaper article does create curiosity, in one's mind. And, it may be worth investigation. I've always hoped that the old lady (Mrs. Maria Leech) had become so enthused, as to gloat & dream, more than the truth.

Her brother, Geo. N. Scholl, was a very peculiar character — as your grandfather & his brothers could tell — & while it was reported & supposed that he "went to Scotland" (which he was never financially able to do) & that he had obtained the information from "good authority", I wasn't able to learn that from Maria (or "Sissy", as many called her). Yet, I've never let myself doubt her "story", when she told it, likewise, weeks later. She lived alone, after her brother's death. Her brother's marriage was thus — in Juniata County lived a colored family, named Imes. The father must have been quite frugal, & had considerable means. What has apparently been a true report, concerns the father's declaration that he would purchase & give a farm to each of his children, who married a white person. Therefore, when Geo. Scholl (known as "Nonnie") was probably working in that area, he won a colored wife, & they had children. But, he was not inclined to abide by any condition or responsibility, & forsook his family, who were of fair repute.

Despite that "true story", there's no reason for us to doubt the story Maria has told me. And, enough investigation could reveal even more-amazing history.

I'm returning the clipping, as you may have need of it.

There's another person who is definitely interested in these matters. She is Mrs Stanton N. Bordner, 620 Rosevista Drive-N.E.-Atlanta, Ga. Her husband is a doctor; & she was Mabel Campbell (known as "Ronie"). If I'm not in error, her mother was a daughter of Robt B. Campbell (a sister of your great-uncle, Ira's, wife) Robert B. Campbell's mother was Catharina, a sister of your Jonathan (Jonas) Schmidt. I've written her of your interest; & if she hasn't written you, it's only due to her busy life, along with being afflicted with bursitis, & children in school & in College. I sent her a photo of George & Catharina (Schmidt) Campbell, since it should be in that family, rather than ours. (However, it's rather unusual, when we consider that Catharina was a cousin of two of my great-grandfathers, & George Campbell was a cousin of my great-great-grandfather, Abraham Frey).

What you have related, concerning that MacLeod family is also very interesting, even though I've never known anything about that family-line.

Recently, I came so near to revealing the Crist line (originally Christ, from York Co.) into your ancestry — but it resolved into the fact that Elisabeth Crist was the first wife of your John Bitner, while his second wife was your "ur-grosmutter".

The amount of writing that I was required to do, over Christmastide — letters to friends, whom I had "failed", last year — just over-taxed me, & I'm slowly coming back to my research-work. It's necessary for me to stay within "my limit"; & when I overtax, it means "days of rest". Yet, I must continue the work, to be occupied with an interest; & I'm grateful for the "interest" & for the friends with whom I can work.

Hoping that you & your family have had a Joyous Christmastide, & that your New Year will be filled with good health & happiness, I am,

Cordially,

Harry Lenig.

Earl of Shannon, 63, Found Shot Dead at English Home

MELTON MOWBRAY, England, Monday, Dec. 30 (AP)—The eighth Earl of Shannon was found shot dead last night at his home, Rose Cottage, in Somerby, near Melton Mowbray. He was 63 years old.

A pistol and cleaning materials were found near his body.

Lord Shannon's full name was Robert Henry Boyle. He succeeded to the title at the age of 17, on the death of his brother, the seventh Earl.

The eighth Earl was educated at Malvern and at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. He served as a lieutenant in the Royal Fusiliers and was aide for some time to the Governor of Madras, India.

In 1923 he married Marjorie Walker, daughter of S. A. Walker of Ootacamund, India. Their son Richard, Viscount Boyle, now 39, succeeds to the earldom.

Lord Shannon had been working as a junior-grade clerk at the Royal Army ordnance depot at Old Dalby, nine miles from his home.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074
29 January 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Your letter has been received & interests me, very much. My immediate reply is due to my desiring you to have certain items, which may be delayed, too long, if I begin, first, on certain other projects, in which I'm much interested. However, as I've realized that late January is a heavy load, in High School & College, I also do not mean, by this seeming rush, that I expect you to neglect the "more important", just to be kind to me.

Thanks for mentioning the surname, & reminding me — even though I hadn't seen it for so long, here's an item, I once found in the old Christ Church Cemetery, in Bloomfield (Lutheran & Reformed):

"Charles John Vanderou - Sep. 8, 1806 - June 29, 1875 - aged 68/9/21." I've never found the name in another cemetery, & I'm wondering whether, if he had a wife (& may have been your ancestor), where she was buried. It's another point, to carry along, in hopes! Your grandmother's old Bible Record doesn't go back, beyond John Bitner & his wives.

Another item which you should have, in case that it may prove of value — From "Descendants of John Thomson", by Addams S. McAlister: (page 5)

"John Thomson came from Antrim, Ireland, & wore the Scotch kilt & bonnet, until his death. The Thompson or Thomson family belonged to the Clan Campbell of Argyll. The first of the Campbell family, to take the title of "Argyll", was a great-grandson of Neill Campbell, King Edward's Baillie of Lands in Argyll; from Lochfyne to Kilmartin, who was created Lord Campbell, by James II. Argyllshire is in the southwestern portion of Scotland, just across the North Channel from County Antrim, which is in the extreme northeastern part of Ireland."

Since this appears in a published genealogy & reads thus, I would like to believe it to be authentic. And, while what you have written would also sound, to me, as authentic, I still wonder whether there may not have been a Castle of Killard. You are wise in inquiring of those, who should know. Have you ever seen the "Genealogical Map of Ireland"? And, nearly twenty years ago, a young man told me that he had seen some such map, once, in "Life" magazine, of Scotland.

I that old lady, Maria (Scholl) Leach, did "dream" any of that which she told me, twice, in almost the same words, she was a very capable person & deserved being educated as a journalist, or the like. Yet, I'm in no mood to discount it, until much better information appears, to replace it.

After so many years, I'm wondering whether I can, in some manner, again contact her brother's son. I have clues in mind & it's worth a "try". It seems to me that one son was a minister!

Thanks you, so much, for the more accurate "abstract" of the baptism of Christina Elisabetha Walborn. Unless they had, besides her, a daughter Anna Christina, I'll accept this as our ancestor, assuming that, at baptism, they failed to state a first name—Anna, or that it was added later. I've learned that in the German-names, as Johann Adam, the first name was considered the "Church-name" or a religious recognition, &, the second, the "ruff-namen" or "calling name" (or, as we state, the given name, & there were instances of two or three "calling-names". For instance, in Berks County, before 1800, there was one, Johann-Heinrich-Peter-Schmidt. And, what a problem it created, when it seemed evident that he was sometimes, in legal matters, recorded as Johann Heinrich, or Johann Peter, or as just Heinrich, or Peter. Due to that, & other instances, I've become persistent in using, only, the most complete name for the individual & the German spelling, which appears most original, or the earliest spelling I've found recorded. I do not appreciate the church-record translations, in which a modern-day pastor (even though aged) has ignored the quaint & even crude & erroneous spelling. Yet, no matter how crude, it carries more significance & presents an identity, in it's own era, far more valuable than the accurate English spelling. "George" speaks to my ears & mind as something British. But, how many German-folk desired to be British; & certainly Georg rightfully represents that European. I'm definitely not in favor of merging these old German Religious Denominations with those British ones & destroying those identities which had value, unrecognized. My dad always feared man & his scheming so much that he argued constantly against the ignoring of Standard Time, in favor of D.S.T., & the destroying of so many identities. He realized that, so long as the American people so easily admitted that those things didn't matter to them & would easily "sell out" for any new, ridiculous idea (leaving a bolshevik group do our thinking), the Communists could work & thrive well. They must be happy in watching the present-day leaders make hash of those age-old marks of distinction — the cardinal doctrines of the Reformers & the "split-off" chips of those who later created schisms! I had Scottish Covenanter ancestors, who would frown in their graves, over this. I had Episcopalian ancestors, who came from England to Chester Co., & to Perry Co. Also, Huguenots, German Lutheran & German Reformed. And, I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Lutheran, who also believes all that John Calvin taught.

Beyond all that, I had ancestry, from Ireland. And, each time I read of the birth, life, & work of St. Patrick, I have greater admiration for him. Then, as you know, we had ancestors in the Moravian Church, which, since Count Zinzendorf & his treachery & deceit passed into oblivion, has become a most admirable religious denomination. I've known a host of intolerant persons, & many have given my dad & I detestable "rubs", in this matter; but, as I've just portrayed my ancestry & my sentiments, could I actually be intolerant? I am sorry because of many ignorant misunderstandings, which have induced most of the "dumb arguments"!

It was nice of you, to refer me to Glenn W. Miller; & I'll find it convenient to contact him — when I've always hoped to find younger persons, with genealogical interests. You would be amazed at a list of older persons, with whom I've cooperated, during more than thirty-five years — most of whom are in the Spirit-world (which may, yet, be so near us!)

I am entirely unfamiliar with the teacher-situation, in the Schools; &, unless I should gain some inside information, I just cannot refer you to any apparent opportunities. However, if I gain any such information, or learn just where you could inquire, I'll inform you. Our County Superintendent is Paul Hurley, I do believe. The change was made, in recent months.

You have mentioned the Louise Beard Memorial. It is in the next block, north. After Louise passed away & her mother had no one but a niece, Margaret (Glanding) Rupp, in York, Mrs. Beard provided, in her Will, that if some of the town-folk would organize & become Incorporated, her home should be left as a place for public-meetings. Such transpired, & the place is quite a convenience for Civic Club, Historical Society, & D.A.R. meetings, &, occasionally, others. The Historical Society Museum (not too satisfactory) occupies a double room, upstairs, & Mrs. Rupp has created an interesting "family museum in another upstairs room. In it are hundreds of catalogued relics, heirlooms, & mementos, of the Leiby, Lambert, Schmidt, & Leech families. Mrs. Beard's mother, Margaret (Leiby) was a daughter of Samuel & Eve (Schmidt) Leiby — of your branch. Mrs. Beard & Louise, & Mrs. Rupp have been among my foremost friendships, since in the "twenties". Did Margaret send you one of her books (Leech)? I understood that she had you in mind.

I haven't contributed much new material, in this, but did want you to have that of Campbell & Vanderou. Cordially, Harry Lenig

I'm picking up collateral items on the Bitner & the Chris family; I'll be interested in seeing the material you have offered; but must not go into such, much until I have cleared away some other necessary work.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074
11 March 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

It was a pleasant surprise to receive the very nice & kindly expressive Greeting, yesterday. You are very thoughtful & appreciative, & I like to be likewise. Actually, it was in severe contrast to the nasty & disrespecting parcel which came, in the same mail, from him, to whom we had been more than kind, for three years. I can only express, along with my attorney-, ministerial-, teacher-, & other friends that one must really wonder what kind of a future such young man faces, in the light of his ministerial-aspirations. A lady, in our Courthouse, has quickly branded him as a "hypocrite." So much for that; &, many thanks, to you!

When in Bloomfield, I spend noon-hours in the Court House, which seems to be my limit, for standing, searching, & handling those heavy books.

However, I did find the Will of Charles Vonderow — with signature in German-script — Karl Vonderow — Karl Vonderow — dated 22 Feb., 1869 — probated 2 Aug., 1875. In the Will, he mentioned: wife, Molly (probably, Magdalena); son, Charles; a daughter, Mary E. Kibele, in Philadelphia; & a minor daughter, Catharine, wife of John Bitner.

For some reason, I infer that this was the only Vonderow family, ever, within Perry Co. And, where did the son live, in later years!

As you mentioned, in a recent letter, concerning the name "Prudence", it's my opinion that the spelling "Prudent" was merely an error when hurriedly recording — my persons gave little thought to spellings. As you, probably, know, your great-grandmother's name was Florence Matilda Annie Fry. I certainly wish that our Frys, as well as yours & all others — of German descent — would have retained the German spelling Frey (sometimes, Frei), which had a meaning "Free".

I'm hoping to make a trip, on which I may meet an aged man, from whom I may learn more, concerning the Burd family, to which Lydia belonged.

Thanks, very much, for the map of Ireland. It urges me to desire more knowledge, in the matter. Generally, the Scotch-Irish, which came, early to these areas were little, if any, Scotch, & those Irish names had become very much misused & misunderstood.

There has been considerable speculation as to the surname Burd. Always, the possibility of its being originally Fogel (Penna-German) or Vogel (German), enters into the discussion as well as the fact of German Immigrants settling in the British Isles & no definite conclusion is possible.

Matthias Burd settled on Middle Ridge, married Catharine Penter or Panter, & served in the American Revolution. At the same time, one Andrew Bird or Burd, settled in the northeastern Perry Co. area, & served in the Revolution. That family, I believe, has descendants, named Fogle, farther north, in Juniata Co. But, no kinship is known of. Matthias & his wife were married by the well-known long-time pastor of the Presbyterian Churches at Dick's Gap, Centre, & Blain (Tobayne Congregation) — the Rev. John Linn. But, more & more do I believe that his wife was of the family known as Bender — spelled, in Lebanon & Berks Church-records, Bänder, Baender, Benter, etc, a branch of which came, with early settlers, to the Fishing Creek Valley, between Marysville & Shermandale; & the name appears in records of the old Mt. Zion Lutheran & Reformed Church (Fishing-Creek Congregation) - after 1815 — existing until ca 1885! Matthias Burd's origin has created much research, but, with little certainty.

I realize that some other item was meant for with this letter, & which I'm failing to recall. I owe Mrs. Rupp a letter; & hope that I can prepare it, this evening. However, since my long-time friend, Gen. Tressler (our District Attorney) passed away; & Mrs Tressler has his three office-rooms to unload, it has been my duty to help her sort hundreds of Deeds, drafts & other documents (generally, of an historical nature). In former years, great amounts of material from the offices of deceased attorneys were burned, unless such persons as General Tressler saved it from the fire. Now, there's no attorney's office, where such accumulation is appreciated or welcome & I'm helping her unload such as I can sort out, bring home, & determine to whom the Deeds belong (the present owners of the properties). And, the Carson Long Institute will be the repository for his collections of historical-nature — especially, pertaining to Perry Co. His Geology library will go to Lafayette College, of which, he was a graduate. Gen. Tressler & I were not related, although Mrs Tressler's great-great-grandmother & my great-grandmother were cousins. It all means that I must spent many hours, reading, sorting, & copying notes from those Deeds. It's rewarding — I knew that Hawkins Boone (brother? or cousin? of Daniel Boone) had an early claim of land, somewhere north of Amity Hall. But, no one else knew the least, in the matter. Now, in the midst of this work, I have, in my home, the "Patent" for 106 acres — under Hawkins Boone's Application, in 1768, followed by subsequent "conveyances" — & Patented, in 1864, by Thomas McConnell.

Here, I'm compelled to close — & with best wishes, & my sincere thanks. (I realize that you found the date, in Mrs Rupp's compilation)

Sincerely, Harry W. Lenig (over)

P.S. — Possibly, I wrote Glenn W. Miller, at a time when he was very much occupied with his work, as I've had no reply. I'll wait longer, until I get a number of duties cleared away, before writing him, again. It's possible, ~~that~~ my letter, or his reply became lost, in transit.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074
17 March, 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Your letter, & the package reached me, yesterday. Today, I checked it, twice, & then, began wondering about returning it. Finally, I inquired of your grandmother, & learned that you will be leaving the College, possibly, before this would reach you, there. I decided to mail it to your home, as there is no point in my keeping it, longer, & you should have it.

On the accompanying sheet, are my additional items, concerning certain "families" or periods; & concerning certain data which had best be excluded, at this time.

I've added the name of the wife of Henry Orris (the immigrant), & just now — in my records of the Ritter Family — that William Vonderau married a daughter of Ellis Saylor. I know that her sister married Edward Klinepiter, & their daughter married Rev. Hobart D. McKeehan, who met with a tragic death, some years ago. Mrs. H. D. McKeehan may yet live at Huntingdon, Penna., & she is the only person, I know of, who could relate anything, concerning Wm. Vonderau. I wonder why he wasn't mentioned in his father's Will — unless the son, Charles was, actually, Charles William. Then, we must wonder, otherwise, about Charles. Eventually, someone solves the problem!

You mentioned, in your manuscript, that your great-uncle Clarence's wife may have descended from the same Orris line, as yours. There's no doubt about that, as there was but one Orris Family, in Perry Co. Verne's father was Scott Orris, son of Robert. Roberts' father may have been one of the sons of Henry.

I haven't, yet, learned of the earlier generation (or two) of the Bitners; however, I believe that they were nearer Ickesburg.

It has been a pleasure to read & study your compilation; &, whether you realize it, or not, you have done an exceptional amount of research & recording (considering that you had done it in conjunction with your College-work & teaching), in less than a year. And, I appreciate the gratitude, you have shown, for any assistance, on my part.

With kindest regards — Harry Leing.

Page 4 — Those migrants, from New York State, floated their rafts, boats, & canoes down the Susquehanna River to Middletown; thence, up the Swatara Creek, via present Hummelstown, Hershey, Union Deposit, etc., almost to Jonestown, where they followed the Little Swatara Creek, eastward, to present Berks Co. area. At the same time, men of the group brought horses & cattle, probably with packs, overland, through wilderness paths, from New York State to Berks Co. Possibly, it would be more accurate to designate the "Tulpehocken region, as, in "southeastern Penna".

Page 9 — I must have made statements, which confused you. There was no Johann Georg Schmidt II, of whom there is any record, or inference. However, there were: Karl, Sr. (who married Ottilia ___) & his son, Karl, Jr. (who married Maria-Margaretha Heberling). Apparently, I have never fully informed you, con-

P. 10 — cerning the (?) children of Peter Schmidt (son of Karl Sr.) & his wife Barbara (born Meiers), who were: Peter II, who married Anna Margaretha Lesch; Johannes, who married Maria-Catharina Lesch; Heinrich, who married Elisabetha Schmidt (whose father, Johann Jacob Schmidt, was a cousin of Peter Schmidt I); Martin, who married twice, & spent his life at Bethel, Berks Co., & Fredericksburg, Lebanon Co.; Barbara, who married Wm. Huber, & lived, at or near Lebanon; Maria, who married Johann Jacob Lenich (Lenig); & Catharina, who married Heinrich Lenich (Lenig).

P. 12 — The minister, who had advised me of the probable 2nd marriage of Balthasar Lesch Sr., with Anna Christina Schaeffer — daughter of Michael & Anna Margaretha (Hleb = Klopp) Schaeffer, & granddaughter of Nicolaus & Catharina Schaeffer — has, since, advised that he finds such to be incorrect, unless, through some, yet uncovered record, names & births of other children of Michael Schaeffer are found. Therefore, that portion of your record had best be excluded — I'm sorry that it doesn't bear proof! And, there seems to be a problem, concerning just which children actually were of the first marriage, & of the second. We must hope that we need not change our opinion, as to Balthasar II having been a son of the second marriage. One must wonder just where the record, of Anna Maria Meyer & her children, was found, by cousin Wm. W. Lesh!

I try to believe that, back in 1914, or earlier, he may have contacted elderly persons, whose memories & knowledge reached back to those generations. Considering that cousin Wm. Lesh was a grandson of Johann Georg & Veronica & a great-grandson of Balthasar Jr. & Maria Salome, one has reason to believe that he had contacts with numerous older persons, who should have had fair recollections of those generations, we, now, would like to prove.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.-17074
9 April, 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni~

Your letter was quite welcome; I'll make reply before other matters cause too much delay. Tomorrow, I have an appointment at the hospital-clinic; I'm certainly hoping that they will find nothing demanding further consideration. Although, when one has undergone such as I have — which has many persons wondering that I have survived & that I'm able to walk, travel, or do anything, gratitude & faith, rather than fear, is very necessary.

On Sunday, a young man, from Marion, Ohio, who has been doing editorial work, in Kentucky & Indiana, & is now employed in Chicago, visited me, in research interests. He had Perry Co. ancestry in the Kirkpatrick, Murphy, Branyan, & Hall lines, along Shermans Creek, in Duncannon, & the Cove. He came, again, yesterday, & I went with him to several areas, where he might see the ancestral farms & several very old &, even, abandoned cemeteries, dating as early as 1778. We had a very interesting day & evening. This morning, we had a visit, as he was leaving, for Ohio. It was his first visit to Perry Co.; he assured me that he hopes to return. While I'm somewhat tired, today, I know that the visit & the search meant as much for me, as for him. I'm limited, physically, but a reasonable amount of mental activity is very good.

Recently, I visited Frank Barnes (who is, I believe, about 88), who lives, alone, in a trailer, in Mannsville. He has a keen memory & many persons inquire of him, concerning matters & persons of the past. Knowing that he has nothing in writing, & that he doesn't correspond with persons, I went, to discuss several problems.

I asked about the Frys & he had no recollection of John Fry & Lydia Burd, but was of the opinion that John Fry, who is buried at Eshcol & whose wife was Martha Barkley, was a brother of Wesley Fry. However, your grandmother agrees with me that her mother & Wesley Fry's children, & Rev. Chas. I. Raffensperger, were cousins. When I told him that Lydia Burd had a brother, Fred, he understood, & stated that Fred's father was George Burd. I'll discuss that, further, with him, since I'm unable to determine which George Burd, he could have been. By your next visit to Perry County, I want to have that Burd line determined & I would like to show you where Matthias Sr. the Revolutionary Soldier lived & is buried.

When I asked Frank Barnes about the Vanderous, he told me that his father lived with them, in his boyhood or youth. I know, now, where they lived, & you may want to get a snap-shot of the stone house (which, I believe, has been abandoned). He has an opinion that the Vanderous went back to Philadelphia, where the first wife died, & that the father remarried, either, there, or after he returned to Perry Co., where he died. The second wife may have remarried; & he wasn't certain as to who was the mother of the children. He stated that they were German, & the surname was pronounced Vandrue or Vondrue (as in "you", rather than as "draw" or "brow", which I had heard). That accounts for the spelling, in your grandmother's large Bible.

I didn't write you, earlier, concerning these matters, knowing that you didn't has a long Easter vacation, & that it was well-scheduled, for you.

Now, that your back in College, I'm of the opinion that the remaining weeks will be heavily-scheduled, & while I'm always ready to consider the problems, you present, I'll also understand, if you're compelled to delay — as I frequently am.

Such notes as I have, scattered through note-books, concerning Bitners & Comps, are meaningless, until I gain more, & can correlate it.

There are several places & cemeteries, in Perry Co., which you should see, & I've wondered whether your brother may also be interested.

Due to helping several other persons, in recent weeks, my attention has been focused on so many lines of thought, I seem unable to recall, whatever else I had intended stating in this letter.

I haven't had a reply from Glenn Miller; but have considered waiting until he may have more spare time — by the end of the term — before writing again.

With kindest regards —

Sincerely,

Harry Lenig

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074 —
14 April 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

This letter will be an unexpected one — with both of us — & is due to some data which has come to me, as having been copied from a Shoemaker - Shumaker Family Bible, & may cause some conflicting theory of the daughter or daughters of Henry Orris, Sr., the Immigrant ancestor.

The father's name wasn't listed — which may have been John Shoemaker, b. Dec. 25, 1808 - d. July 21, 1883, & his wife, Mary Lay - b. Jan. 23, 1824 - d. Oct. 19, 1902 (due to the variance in birth & death dates, I surmise that she was his 2nd wife). Those inscriptions, I've copied, in the cemetery, at Three Springs Church of the Brethren, west of Blain.

Years ago, Benj F. Shumaker copied the following for his relative, Geo. W. Kuhn, & advised him that Barbara Orris Shumaker (whose death was listed as on Sept. 17, 1753) was his (Geo W. Kuhn's) great-grandmother.

The family: Henry W. Shumaker — born Oct. 4, 1829
Samuel O. " " March 25, 1831
John " " Feb. 24, 1833
twins { Daniel Webster " " May 22, 1834
Benjamin Franklin " " " "
Mary Ann " " July 26, 1836
Rebecca " " Jan. 25, 1838
David Solomon " " Nov. 25, 1839
Elizabeth " " Sept. 6, 1841
Catharine Ellen " " May 24, 1843
Sarah " " Aug. 8, 1845
George Adam " " Sept. 25, 1847
Levi Alexander " " Oct. 4, 1850

Since all Orris descendants, in Perry Co., were from Henry, Sr., the Immigrant; & he had only the two daughters, which he named in his Will as Barbara (with no married-name stated, in 1833) & Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Smith (Jr.), it prevents this query. Henry merely named a "grandson, John, son of Adam Bitner" — whose birth-date, I have as Oct 4 1832

Apparently, Barbara Orris married John? Shumaker, & named her first son Henry; & second son Samuel Orris (?) Henry or Heinrich was a very common name among the large family of Schumachers, also.

Then, too, there is record of Adam Bitner being married to Sarah Nyhu, who must have been born ca 1805-'10-'15.

One would not consider that Barbara Orris would have married John? Shumaker & had two Shumaker sons, followed by a son John Bitner, & other Shumaker children.

I feel that I almost owe an apology, in exploiting this problem, when it seems apparent that, unless there had been a third daughter, who died, following the birth of her son, John Bitner, there's a possibility that Elizabeth could have been the mother of John Bitner, before she married Daniel Smith & went West (someone once suggested, "to Iowa")

I had failed to inquire as to your source of information, concerning a marriage of Adam Bitner & Barbara Orris.

If Barbara Orris was the wife of a Shumaker & the mother of three sons, by Apr. 1833, when Henry Orris signed his Will, it's unusual that he failed to state her husband's name — as he did, in the case of Elizabeth.

Possibly, there will be some manner of determining the problem, & the Census of 1850, 1860, or later, may reveal some proof.

The Burd problem has caused me to make an inquiry of Mrs Rupp, & such as she may know, together with what I hope to learn from Mr. Barnes, may help. I know that Jacob Burd (son of Matthias Sr.) married Sarah Leiby (a sister of Samuel Leiby, who married Eve Smith, sister of your Jonathan); & had, at least, twelve children. A son, George married ——— ? & their children were "reported" as Fred, Daniel, George, & Eliza, all married. This all sounds "relative", if we can gain some dates, & possibly learn that there may, also, have been a Lydia or that someone erred, in the name, Eliza.

Since Sarah Leiby was a daughter of Johann Friedrich Jr. & Anna Margaretha (Lempert-Lambert) Leiby, the name Fred is easily recognized.

At this point, I have a correction — Fred W. Burd (1841-1913), his wife, Annie E. (1845-1926), & their bachelor son, Byron L. (1882-1946), are buried in the Mannsville Lutheran Cem., instead of in the United Brethren Cemetery.

And, as fate would have it, Jacob & Sarah Burd had a daughter, Fannie (probably, Frances), who married ——— Orris & Wm. Arnold.

There is a Mr. Burd, in Cumberland Co., I believe, who may be able to reason this, or, to direct me to someone, who can. I must get his name & address, & contact him. I hope that we can prove this line, as it appears to me, since I just cannot imagine another place to fit it into the Burd Family Tree.

This doesn't demand an immediate reply, if it comes to you at a very busy period. I merely wanted it in your hands.

Sincerely, Harry W. Lenig

P.S.

Recently, when visiting with your grandmother, she asked me whether I had heard the report (last Fall, I infer) that your cousin, is it Sherril, & Harry Focht (he who betrayed us, after three years of kindness, & forced illegal entry into our house) were to be married.

When someone (his cousin, I believe) told your grandmother, she expressed her opinion in such a manner that when Mrs Focht heard it she couldn't face your grandmother, since she had publicized the report. Later, she, in her impudence & treachery, asked your grandmother whether she was peeved at her & admitted that she had been the instigator of the report. Your grandmother was fair in stating that she couldn't understand why only his folk, & not hers, would know of such intentions.

She eventually learned that he, who has been very much infatuated over a child-Evangelist, who is now in Harrisburg, & had helped him decide upon the Ministry, to have mutual cooperation, did write your cousin & asked her to marry him. He knew that she had graduated, & could now earn money; & he's always looking for someone from whom he can obtain whatever he desires, without any reciprocation. I know that, since he's in College, he has visited the ladies, who work in the establishment, in Harrisburg, where he worked, until he no longer had a position, & has plead need of money & clothing; & the lady, whom I know, very well, told me that she believed him & gave him five dollars. Another aged lady told her that she had given him ten dollars. They weren't aware of how he demands of his mother, until after a quarrel & much profanity, by both, he gains his point & gets what he wants. On his Christmas vacation, I saw him with his eighth car, which his mother he helped him have, since June, 1957. He had three, during 1963.

Your grandmother seemed very much disgusted, & happy that your cousin's parents would not encourage the idea, & urged her to realize that, when she had reached the place in life, where she could earn for herself, there was no good reason to seek an opportunity to be enslaved by one who seeks an "easy mark" & all that he can selfishly gain, thereby.

He owes me quite a sum, & has even ignored a bill, sent by a Justice of the Peace. In my need of blood-donors, three requests which I made of him, have been returned to me, by mail.

His reputation is known, among ministers, & unappreciated — excepting that his pastor, here, disregards what I've told him, & has had him in his pulpit — in robe & beatnik beard. Much is said to me, by many persons, here, in town. And, your grandmother has her opinions & doubts.

— H.W.L.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074 -
15 April, 1964

Dear Miss Mastrocianni -

My letter was written & mailed, too soon. Today, I had an hour, in the Courthouse; &, in an old book of marriages - ca. 1850 - '55, I found the marriage of -

John Bitner - son of William & Catharine - a laborer, born in Saville Twp., & Elizabeth Crist, daughter of John & Elizabeth, were married Dec. 6, 1854? Dr. [illegible]

In another marriage, in that period, the parents were listed as William Bitner, Sr., & his wife, Susannah. ???

That eliminates Adam Bitner as the father of John.

When there's an opportunity, I'll check for a Will or Estate of Wm. Bitner.

Sincerely, Harry Lenig

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.-17074
5 May 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

This reply has been delayed because I should not be detracting your interest at this period; & also due to my awaiting an opportunity to check the Orphans' Court Docket, for an Estate of George Burd — which I reached, yesterday.

In Docket B #302½ — Estate of George Burd, of Juniata Twp., who died, on or about 6 May, 1884 — stating that he left a widow, Susan; & adult children, viz. — Mrs. John Fry, Mrs Tillie Monmiller, Frederick Burd, Abraham Burd, David Burd, & George W. Burd. This list should be accurate & authentic, although too many errors have appeared in Wills & Orphans Court Records; & I've made my share of errors, in copying. Frank Barnes has stated Daniel, where I have copied it David. Since both names ~~are~~ were common in the Burd families, it will be well to satisfy myself by re-checking. You have mentioned Ralph & Eliza. Possibly Eliza & Tillie (Matilda) represent the same person (?)

Frederick W. Burd (named for his great-grandfather, Johann Friedrich Leiby II), married Annie E. Keiner. Later, they moved to Shickshinny, east of Bloomsburg, where he was employed (probably, in lumbering). There, a small child (daughter?) died, & was buried. In later years, when they returned to Perry Co., they had that child's body removed & interred beside the (now-obliterated) graves of Matthias Burd Sr. & his wife, on their homestead, on Middle Ridge. I would like to show that place as well as the Burd homestead & the Vanderow home to you & your brother. I can also show you the home of Johann Friedrich Leiby; & I'll search for the David Fry location.

I seem to recall that Frank Barnes told of Geo W. Burd being married, at Shickshinny; & dying there.

He stated that Abraham Burd had two wives; & a son, Grover.

On the accompanying sheet, I'm listing all that I have on your line, descending from Georg & Nicholas Lambert & the Immigrant, Johann-Friedrich Leiby. If any portions of it require further explanation, please request such. It has been a very interesting study & search since I detected the line; & it has led me to prove other branches of the Lambert descendants. My cousin lives on the Lambert homestead, near Blain.

I was at your grandmother's home, this forenoon & she verified the names on the photo, including your mother. But, before we reached the point of listing the names ~~in~~ the larger group, your great-aunt Annie came; & it was far past time for me to be at home. I do not recall having seen Annie, after 1924, in High School.

Thanks, very much, for sending the photos, that I might see them.

With best wishes —

Sincerely, Harry W. Lenig

Johann
1. Frederick Leyday (38), Maria Mettlina Leyday (37), Jacob (13), Michael* (10), Wolrick (4), and Catharina (1) landed at Phila.da, Aug. 17, 1733, on the Ship "Samuel."

By 1754, the family was located in Greenwich Twp., Berks Co. It is believed that later births included Frédrich Jr., Andrew, and John Kilian

* Georg Michael Leiby (1723 – 1808) married Barbara _____ and their children were: Andreas, Barbara (married Jacob Jargon), Johann Georg, Maria Magdalena (prob. married Georg Werli), Peter, Maria Elisabeth (married Georg Krobach), Johann Friedrich, Johannes.

* Johann Friedrich Leiby – May 14, 1768 – Aug. 26, 1846
married Anna Margaretha Lempert (Lambert) – July 26, 1768 – May 3, 1837 } migrated to Perry Co.
Their children: Sarah (married Jacob Burd), John, Elisabeth (married John Weary), William, Samuel (married Eve Smith), Jacob, James.

Jacob Burd – 1783 – Apr. 8, 1869 – aged 85/10/7 [son of Matthias Sr. and Catharina (Benter) Burd]
wife – Sarah Leiby* – 1788 – March 2, 1866 – " 77/6/14

Their children: Sarah (married Michael Berkheimer), Isaac, Margaret, Catharine (married John Boyle), Frances (married Peter Arnold and Jacob Orris), Julia (married John Cheyney), Mary (married Wm. Reed), Eliza (married Joseph Rice), Samuel, Abraham, Jacob, and *George (who died ca. 6 May, 1884, and was, probably, married twice)

There is a possibility that the grave in Markelsville Cemetery, marked Rachel, wife of George Burd (died March ~~2, 1866~~ 17, 1863, ~~aged~~ in her 50th year), is that of a 1st wife — which would, then, be the mother of Lydia, Fred W., etc.

And, George Burd (died in 1884) left a widow, Susan (or Susannah) whose maiden name was Swartz. Whether she was the mother of any Burd children, I haven't learned; but she had a daughter Molly Swartz.

George Burd, by one or both wives had children —
*Lydia (married John Fry), Eliza or Matilda (married _____ Monmiller), Abraham, George W., David (or Daniel), and Fredrick W.

** Georg Lempert – also Lemperth, Lembert, and Lambert – Dec. 6, 1707 – Nov. 20, 1784 – listed, in 1768, as an Elder in the Albany Church, in Allemaengel, also known as "Jerusalem" and "Red Church"
1st wife – Anna Maria ____ – Oct. 26, 1711 – Aug. 18, 1762
2nd wife – Dorothea
– had daughter, Margaretha (married Michael Lei, Ley, Loy) and Nicholas, (and other?)

** [Nicolaus] Nicholas Lembert (Lambert) died in Perry Co., in 1823.
wives — Dorothea _____ and Anna Maria ____ (named Ann Mary, in his Will)
Their children [Nicholas and Dorothea]: Anna Maria, Catharina Barbara, Anna Catharina, *Anna Margaretha (married Johann Friedrich Leiby), Susanna Dorothea, Georg, Nicolaus, and Maria Magdalena.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074
29 May 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

My silence may have you wondering, when I should have, at least, recognized the announcement, you so kindly sent.

I have been very much limited, due to a recurrence of infection, which my physician is again conquering. Now, with less tensions, I've come back to my research problems, although I must not overtax. However, with care & reasonableness, one can overcome much.

When I reach our Court-records, again, I mean to check any Estate in the name of William Bitner. I have become curious as to the parentage of Catharine Bitner who was the wife of cousins — Wm Henry Swartz & Jacob Astor Orwan (both, of the area, east of Mannsville; & both, descendants of Johann Adam Schmidt Sr.) Also, of the parentage of Jennie Latchford Bitner who married David Alexander Powell, descendant of Valentine Schmidt (brother of Peter I).

Frequently, another Bitner is revealed, in my research; &, to my surprise, I've found that, in 1877 "J. Bitner" was a property owner in the "long abandoned" Henry's Valley. In 1838, Peter Bitner was a witness to the Will of James McNeal, in Tobyne Twp. And, there was an Adam (possibly, two or three); two or more Williams; Johns; David, who married Hannah Bausum; William, who married Esther Bausum. There was also one, Eleazar Bitner, whose wife was Hannah Latchford — possibly, the parents of Jennie (aforementioned). Yet, I've never seen the name, so commonly, in many cemeteries (as one finds many surnam

Since I have learned that your John Bitner was a son of Wm & Elizabeth I hope that we may learn the names of William's children.

As I have formerly presented it, your descent from the Lemberts & Leibys is quite certain; &, I can show you their homesteads, as well as of Matthias & Jacob Burd; & of George Burd.

Recently, I searched for & found the Estate of Levi Hummel (whose wife had died, earlier); & found, only, four Hummel children named. If his wife had been Betsy or Elizabeth Campbell, she may not have been the mother of those four children. Mrs Leech had only stated that "aunt Betsy Hummel had two daughters Catharine Dunkelberger Smith & Jennie Yoke Sheaffer." Therefore, we just remain confused & with little or no record to rely upon.

I must close, & get this in the mail. And, when you come to Newport we'll have much to discuss & see.

Sincerely, Harry Lenig.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. — 17074
26 July 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

You may have wondered whether I had lost interest in your research problem, but I must admit that the heat-wave we've experienced, recently, prevented me, from much that I had planned. It just became impossible for me to write letters or do copying, & I was out walking, the greater portion of the time.

Today, it's cloudy & cool, & I must do some writing.

I easily overlooked the matter, when others did not write me, so frequently. I hope that your misfortune does not leave you with future trouble or handicap.

After your visit, it was my intention to list every Comp. item, I could find, & I'll do so, yet.

A friend took me along, to visit Schuyler Brossman. He has, since, suggested that I come down, again, on a Friday, & spend the evening & Saturday with him. I doubt that I'll care to drive, that much, in Saturday afternoon or evening traffic; but, may consider it, in September.

We had so much to discuss, in an evening, that I failed to ask him about your visit. I hope that you were able to visit the cemeteries in "The Tulpehocken." Doubtless, there are those which you would not reach, in a day. And, if it were possible, I could help you find & learn of those in the northeastern portion of the County, about which he knows very little. But, they are correlated with your ancestral lines, & mine.

In reference to your grandfather's family, I recall stating that I have the full names & birth-dates — as follows:

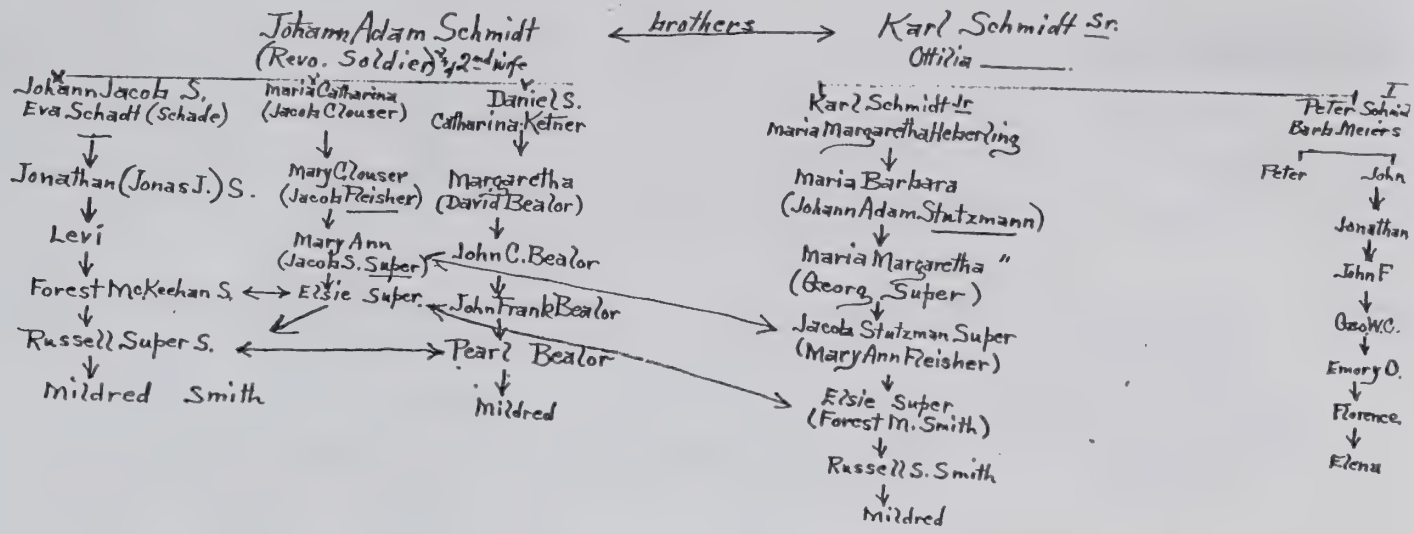
Emory Oscar Smith — Aug. 2, 1888
Ira Jonathan " — Apr. 28, 1890 — July 17, 1894 — married Verna M. Orris
Clarence Edward " — July 17, 1896 — Dec. 1, 1894 — Dec. 1, 1896
Annie Catharine " — Dec. 1, 1894 — Dec. 1, 1896
Nellie May " — Nov. 25, 1902 — married Berlin Wright

Reversed per review by Daniel L. Comp 1-24-88

Geo. Washington Campbell Smith — Aug. 22, 1862 — Oct. 21, 1929
married Nov. 22, 1887 — Margaret Elmira Comp — Jan. 15, 1863 —

I've wondered, at times, whether you obtained, from your grandmother, the copy of the "News-Sun", including my article "The Clouser — from Bern". It was the issue of June 4, I believe.

Since meeting Mildred Smith, at your grandmother's home, I've realized that I should advise you of her descent, in the Smith Family. I'll chart it, here; & if you fail to grasp either of the lines, please inquire further.



It's a very irregular chart; but, I believe that you will be able to understand it. It's another example of how much certain persons can be or are descended from an ancestor, & be unaware of it.

Neither, you nor I, trace from Johann Adam; yet, I hope to show you where he settled & lived, in Perry Co., until after the death of his 2nd wife. The 1st wife was the mother of 6 children, while the 2nd was the mother of 10. I'm positive that I have the most complete record, in existence, of that large family. &, eventually, I'll show you the material — which must be battled into better form.

Under the above Karl Schmidt Sr. & his son, Valentine lies another unfortunate family-situation which ties into your line — but cannot be recorded, therewith.

Valentine's daughter, Anna Elisabetha (wife of John Powell), whose grave, you saw, in Markelsville Cemetery, had a large family, one, of which, was Leah Powell, wife of Jacob Spriggle. One of their daughters was Catharine (Kate), wife of Charles Robinson. Before Kate was married, she was "hired girl" at the home of "Long Lane Jonas Smith", & became the mother of a daughter — the father being Benjamin F. Smith (who later married Margaret Ann Super, sister of Jacob S.) The child was reared by its aunt Maria (Spriggle) McNaughton (who was so frequently called "Maria McNight"), & Anna or Annie Elizabeth was known, seldom as Smith, but generally as Annie McNight or Annie Robinson, until, in her "teens" (after she had borne a son, Thomas W. Miller) she married a widower (Francis Rooney) with grown sons. The sons never permitted their father to live with her, & she lived with a widower, Samuel Campbell, & had several children. The Court persuaded them to marry, not long before her death. Three of her children, now, live in Newport. Fate has its own way!

I must close, here, with kindest regards —

Sincerely, Harry Leing.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. 17074
27 September 1964

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

It was nice to hear from you, again; &, to learn that you had succeeded in obtaining a position. I was contacted, & the letter reached me, too late, to mail the reply, on September 5th. Therefore, it would reach that Board, by Sept. 8 or 9. However, I was glad to be able to do as much, for your benefit.

My silence had been due to my condition, caused by the long siege of hot weather, & the amount of medication I require. Cooler weather will relieve it all, & permit me to resume my research & correspondence. Most of my time has been spent in walking.

Today, a Mr. Hicks, from Missouri & California, visited me. He has, for several years, been doing research on his & his wife's lines, & he has done much in striving to establish Matthias Bard Jr., as his ancestor, but has failed, excepting, for some clues.

I seem to have nothing new to report, on your lines, at the moment; but, hope to work on the Comp data, ere long.

Glenn Miller hasn't contacted me again, & has failed to visit me. I realize that a summer speeds by, with many failures. And, I was compelled to forget several desired trips. Had it not been so warm & driving so problematical, I would have taken a boy along & made a trip, to Snyder County & Selinsgrove.

I infer that you are teaching; &, if so, I wish you joy & success, in the work.

At present time, my sister, Mrs Thomas Treesler, is a patient, in the Polyclinic Hospital, & it means addition care, for my mother, & extra trips to Harrisburg. We hope that she will be able to return home, late, in the week.

This must be brief; but, I wanted to recognize your card.

Until later —

Sincerely,

Harry Lenig

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. – 17074 –
December 23, 1964

Dear Miss Mastrocianni –

It has been quite a problem, writing Christmas letters to friends, since I had so badly failed, in my correspondence, since last June.

I always keep in mind certain older persons in Western States, to whom I write, first. One, is Mrs. Claretta Powell Woodland, who has lived in Los Angeles, for years. But, when she was, earlier, employed in Philadelphia, she made a tremendous effort in collecting & compiling data on descendants of John Powell (from Scotland) & his wife, Anna Elisabetha (Schmidt) daughter of Valentine — whose graves, you saw, at Markelsville. Mrs. Woodland has placed all of her Powell data in my keeping; & I constantly hope that some Powell descendant will become interested, to the point of doing more with it.

Then, another, is a lady, in her eighties, Miss Grace Brewster, in Mankato, Minn. I've been in contact with her since about 1927; & have always been amazed at the amount of material she had collected, from Church Records, assessments, etc., in Berks County — when she has spent her entire life in Minnesota. In about 1930, Grace & her sister Carrie (ten years older) was in Newport, on a trip to Washington, D.C., Philada., & Connecticut. She once told me of a picture she took, of Carrie standing before a monument to the founders of Hartford, Conn., on which were the names of several of their ancestors. They could even claim John Alden & Priscilla Mullins. Grace has since, alone, gone through so many trials & difficulties — having no relatives, near; &, while she maintains their home, rents most of it, & lives in rooms, she has been troubled with cancer & failing sight. It's difficult for her to read & she writes, only necessary letters. Grace visited us, in 1949, & we took her to see places, churches & cemeteries, in Berks Co. — her only sight of the Tulpehocken Valley.

I also have numerous other persons in mind, at this Season, & they live in several different States. Since I know, that, like this letter, I'll reach them, after Christmas, or after New Years Day, the longer letters await me.

Recently, it was necessary for me to talk with a young man, who lives in the area of the Byrd homestead, where you took pictures, & I decided to go, on a bright, calm morning.

It was, possibly, more than I should have planned — but, I also wanted to talk with my second-cousin, who is postmaster, at Ickesburg. After that, I went on, to Buffalo Cemetery (near Buffalo Mills = now Saville) It was a case of seeking for graves, which I had never seen — &, of course, they were never marked. There is much, there, which I desire to copy, when Summer returns. That cemetery was founded, in 1840.

I went on, to the cemetery at the Sandy Hill Church (near the village, Kistler) to copy several items. Then, to a cemetery, where Emory Chapel — Methodist, once stood. There, are the graves of Jacob Bixler, his wife, Salome (Sarah) Leach, some of their children & grandchildren; unmarked graves of Barbara Bixler, wife of Benj. Leach; & of Barbara Leach, who died single in the Bixler home. The Bixler grist-mill & woolen-mill are nearby. From there, I went to the Cemetery, at Centre Presbyterian Church (near Fort Robinson). That must have been a burial place, as early as 1760 (or 1755) — Of all of the old graves, therein, were marked, it would be the foundation for volumes of history & biography. I copied, until I became so tired, that it was necessary to leave more, until next Summer. But, it did help me, with my Linn Chart. Back about 1788, the Rev. John Linn, from south of Gettysburg, was called to the pastorate of that Charge, & remained there, until death (about 38 yrs?) His brother, Wm Linn, also came, with his family, & acquired a tract, whereon he erected a mill. It was long known as Linn's Mill; later, McKinleys, & Rices; &, finally, my great-grandfather's brother, Peter Smith III, purchased it. He & his sons, Daniel, Thomas, & Abraham, all died there, & Thomas' son, Jeremiah, now lives there but has razed the old mill. The Linns have disappeared from this County — there may be a family or two, but I'm not certain.

This all intrigues me; & there are boys & girls, as well as many older persons, who should learn of those pioneers, who meant so much. But, it's really a surprise, when one person reveals interest

On that trip, I found one item, which may, eventually, fit into the Bitner records — in Emory Chapel Cemetery: David Bitner, died Oct. 29, 1906 (aged 74-9-6), & his wife, Margaretta W., died Oct. 19, 1939 (aged 95-3-29); also — Power Coller — son of Maggie Bitner — Nov. 13, 1884 — Sep. 29, 1887.

There are other items I have in mind, for discussion, but, if I want to get this into the mail, I had better close, here.

Thanking you for the Greeting, & wishing for you & yours, all of the joys & Blessings of the Christmastide & the New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

Harry Leing

P.S. — In my work on the Deardorff, Bosserman, & probably, other families, in the early years, of this area, it appears that certain of them were German Baptists & had been among the "founders" at Amwell or Anwell (which?), in New Jersey.

That town must have a different name, today. I do not mean that you are to go into such research, now; but, if you should ever learn of such, I would be interested, since it bears upon Perry County families —

H.L.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074 -
August 12, 1965

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Thanks, very much, for your note. I, too, have neglected much of my work — due to the continued hot weather. I was compelled to relax, much more; & another conflicting circumstance has been the terrific amount of gnats & every type of insects harboring in the grass. Each time I went to a cemetery, I soon found myself unable to stand still, long enough to copy inscriptions, due to a cloud of insects. And, many of the days it was just too hot & uncomfortable to permit writing. August will soon be gone; & everyone looks forward to cooler days. We have a Bucher Reunion, at Mt. Joy, on Saturday — it almost sounds absurd, since, unless mothers cousins, from Long Island or N. Dakota & Minnesota, or her second cousins from Nebraska should come, there will be no one present, by the name Bucher.

Thanks, too, for revealing my error. While thinking of both, Scotland & Ireland, I asked you whether you had a map of Scotland (which I certainly knew was the case), when I meant to ask whether you have or had ever seen a Genealogical Map of Ireland. Too often my pen seems to sidestep my thinking. Possibly, later, when conditions are more favorable, I'll accept your offer of the articles pertaining to Scotland.

Sometimes I become disgusted over my permitting so many avoidable problems or tasks to sandwich my own work & interests — when, so often, I begin a long-delayed letter & am compelled to rush & make it so brief (even, forgetting some intended items.

Among old, badly worn pages of notes, once copied from old newspapers, I've found this item: Died Nov. 23, 1911, Lydia, widow of John Fry, aged 75 yrs., 3 mo. - survived by children - Geo. W. Fry, Mrs. U. G. Bitner, Mrs Frank Neal, John Fry, & Mrs. Wm. Smee.

This, of course, is of value, in your records.

Possibly, when you return to teaching, we'll have opportunity to compare our work, personally, when you spend time, in Newport.

And, we do have other places to visit, in the County, where there are homesteads, of which you should obtain photos.

Until later & with kindest regards —

Sincerely

Harry Leing

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.
November 22, 1965 —17074—

Dear Miss Mastroianni:—

Weeks, & months speed by, & with so little accomplished. It has been my hope, since our trips, to obtain, for you, & for Mrs. Rupp, a snap-shot of the two farms which were once the homestead of Johann Friedrich Leiby, II. My camera has been causing me to be disappointed. Something is wrong, in the "finder", & I hold the camera at what seems to be a proper focus, when it's actually much too high, & I obtain very little landscape & very much sky. At last, I succeeded in obtaining a fair picture, considering that one was facing the south. You will understand, of course, that the home, in the background, was the original home-site, while that, in the foreground, was apparently created in, or following the Civil War Period. I recall that you did obtain a picture of the original home-site, where we stopped.

Let's hope that you'll be in Newport, sometime, when we'll find it possible to visit the Nicholas Lembert homestead & obtain a picture. We should also learn of Camp homesteads, by that time.

I've gained very little new data, in recent months. But, when in Fishing Creek Valley (between Marysville & Shermansdale), I stopped at Bethel E.U.B. Cemetery — between Grier's Point & Keystone. There, I copied these inscriptions: Jacob Bitner = Aug. 15, 1803 - Feb. 12, 1887.

Levi J. Hummell — Dec. 26, 1819 - March 15, 1898

his wife, Elizabeth — May 23, 1818 — Oct. 11, 1889 — she must have been "Aunt Betsy Campbell".

And, in case that I haven't sent this data: The Orphans' Court Docket has record that Levi Hummell, of Rye Twp., died 15 March, 1898, with heirs (no widow mentioned): Mrs. Lydia A. Paul, 47, Levi Hummell Jr., 55, Mrs. Allemina Hill, 45, & John W. Hummell, 41, all, of Rye Twp., excepting Mrs. Paul, in Marysville.

Levi (1842-1927) & his wife, Sarah E. Smee (1850-1925), are buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, at Marysville.

Possibly, we'll someday make contact with a descendant, from whom we can learn more & even gain more information concerning your forebear, who must have been reared in that "family". Jeffrey Wright, of Allentown, whose father, Orville, was reared in Newport, & whose mother was Louise Kretzing, of Middle Ridge, has become quite interested in his ancestral families, but is now a Student in University of Pitt, at Titusville, Penna. His great-great-grandmother was Nancy (Agnes) Campbell Flickinger — sister of Betsy Hummell. I doubt, however, that he is familiar with this definite problem, since

he has lived, always, at Allentown, unless they had lived in York, when he was quite young, & he had no opportunity to learn such from his great grandmother Kretzing (born, Angeline Flickinger). I have enjoyed working with Jeffrey. How far distant my co-workers are!

Recently, a 19-year old youth — in the Air Force, in Missouri — whose home is at Grier's Point, & his father, visited me, due to his genealogical interests. His name is Thomas R. Pines III, & I've already found that he & I have two common ancestral lines. It's really a pleasure to find persons of that age, finding such interests, when, daily, I'm seeing boys & girls, as well as adults, who are ignoring some most interesting research & learning. This young man finds little interest in the nonsensical pleasures; &, when off-duty, seeks libraries, etc., where much awaits him. He has found good library facilities in Kansas City, Mo.; & when he has his next "leave", he hopes to spend time in the Mormon Church Library, at Salt Lake City. Certainly, I'm interested in his problems & research.

Coming back to your problems — your Comp ancestry has so few clues. Your great-great-grandmother, Susannah, frequently mentioned, to her friends, the St. Peter's Cemetery, & it was understood that her first husband was buried there. Of course, it would seem that his parents had also been buried, there. But, I've never heard anyone refer to the parents of John Comp, nor to his brothers or sisters, if any. I seem to recall persons referring to three sons of Susannah; but, I'm not certain about their names.

It has been somewhat amusing, to me. The Rev. Frederick S. Weiser (now, at Mt Airy Theological Seminary) informed me that, while in Germany, he failed to locate Gernsheim. And, now, Mrs. Rupp has written me that Mr. & Mrs. White, of York, who are touring Germany & other countries, have visited the town, & that a policeman's son, who could translate for them, accompanied them to a Lutheran parsonage, where they met the pastor, who showed them old Church Records — although they obtained no useful data. Mrs Rupp is passing the word along to Pastor Weiser.

I've somewhat decided that the birth record you obtained, relative to a Walborn daughter, must have applied to a daughter, other than the wife of Johann Georg Loesch.

Visitors have delayed me, in this, & I must close & mail this.

With best regards —

Sincerely,

Harry Lenig

P.S. — Mrs. Rupp's new address is
135 East Market Street
York, Penna. — 17401 —

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. -17074-
December 13, 1965

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Your letter is very much appreciated; & while we knew that it had become necessary for your grandmother to be with someone & away from the problems of the home, we hadn't heard, recently, of her condition. Last time I visited her, I told her that she would find it best to unload such responsibility. Today, the plumbers, electricians, carpenters, & such, take such advantage of men, who are property-owners, that women, who have no family-members near, to defend them, become definite targets for repairmen; & should free themselves of the problem. After my father died (twenty-five years ago, on Dec. 2nd), I owned the farm, twenty years, & had such experience & disappointment as I would not care to face, again.

We have a very common place to live in, now but we must be grateful & content. Last winter, mother was bedfast, three weeks, due to pneumonia. Now she's been bedfast since Dec. 5th, due to a light stroke. I'm able to take care of her, here; but, if we were living out on the hill, in the old stone-house, I just wouldn't be able to do the necessary work, & care for her.

She doesn't improve, but little; & in her 80th year, after having suffered two light strokes, while we were on the farm, we just must not be surprised at any change. She has had hardening-of the arteries & high blood-pressure, several years; &, like your grandmother, she never took any definite care of herself.

If it were summer, & her home could be sold, in nice weather, when she could see the burden move away, she may be able to feel as I did, on the evening of both of our sales — relieved by the thought that I would no longer be handling & taking care of truck-loads of every kind of goods — some of which had been used by five generations of our folk.

It's nice to know that you have an appreciable school, near your home. As you state, it sounds interesting — so different from my school-days in a country-school, where a teacher had from 25 to 45 (&, years earlier, as many as 70) in one room — teaching every required subject to eight grades. Later, I came to town, to Church, & eventually learned that a lady had taken one of the Church-School classes — of boys — from the Primary Department & taught them until they had graduated from High School; & the class disappeared. They had reason to learn from her; & it seems that she must have enjoyed advancing with them.

Even though I've never met your brother, I'm interested in what you have stated, relative to his artistic talent, & will hope to hear much more about it, in the future.

I haven't such talent, but hope to show you some of the past talent of Newport. Next time you come, keep me reminded!

I've wondered, often, whether your brother met Harry Focht after he matriculated at the Lancaster Seminary, in 1964. He has written me only demanding letters, or requests for a book — while I would have enjoyed some report on his studies & course.

My nephew is now a Seminarian, at Dayton, Ohio (the E.U.B. Seminary).

I understand how one creates or revives interest in these genealogical problems; & realize how I've experienced it. I'll not pretend discussing each of your surname-problems, now — as I'm rushing this through while mother is sleeping.

However, I too, have wondered about that Bailey line — which doesn't seem to be allied, in the least, with the descendants of Marcus Boehler (Mark Bealor), who came to Markelsville, from Breckenock Twp., Berks Co. — near Alleghenyville. But, in the St Andrew's Cemetery, in Eshcol, there are graves which have long puzzled me:

Samuel Bailey — March 10, 1822 — Dec. 3, 1892
& his wife, Hannah _____ Apr. 14, 1822 — Nov. 19, 1901
(Their son) William B. — died Dec. 31, 1889, aged 44-11-13
& his wife, Martha Ellen (Kerr) — who later married Wm H. Clouser.

I recall William's son, Samuel, who had a son, Herbert, who attended our school. But, who was the elder Samuel, & where did he come from. There were also Baileys in Juniata County, & a family, north of Newport; but, their identity has always been vague, with the public.

I'll write further, concerning others, you have mentioned, later.

If you reach Newport, as you've suggested, you will be quite welcome to visit us; & I'll look forward to it. Until that day, of course, it would be impossible to state whether I would be able to leave home. And, I'm certain that you understand.

I must help her out of bed & back in. She cannot stand, alone. Today, the doctor gave his consent that she might sit on a rocker for 15 or 20 minutes — possibly, twice, during the day. She'll learn how weak she is, by that. Her diet is salt-free & no fats; & she, of course, craves heavy foods & starches.

With our Wishes for a very Merry Christmastide for you & your family-circle —

Sincerely,
Harry Lenig.

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.-17074-

February 11, 1966

Dear Miss Mastroianni ~

Considering the uncertainty of the weather, I wasn't actually disappointed, when you didn't appear, during the holiday vacation. I'm positive that we would have found it too cold to go on a photographic trip; yet, there are many records which we have not definitely studied. We had taken mother to a Convalescent Home, in Liverpool; & between making trips, cooking, doing cleaning, & resting, there were cards & letters to write to friends & relatives — due to our failure in sending Christmas Greetings. During that week, I also had a visitor from York Co., who is collecting data & pictures, relative to the Penna. Canal, about which he plans writing a book.

I've also been having considerable correspondence with Jeffrey L. Wright, of Allentown, a student at University of Pitt Dorm, in Titusville. His father is Orville Wright, native of Newport, & his mother, whose maiden name was Louise Kretzing, was reared on Middle Ridge. Her grandmother was Angeline (Flickinger) Kretzing, daughter of Joseph & Nancy (Campbell) Flickinger. Jeffrey is very much concerned about his ancestral lines; & I enjoy working with him, also.

During Nov., Thomas Pines II & his son, Thomas III, who lives at Grier's Point, in Fishing Creek Valley, surprised me, when they visited me, relative to their ancestry. Thomas III, who has graduated & enlisted in the Air Force — being stationed near Kansas City, Mo. — has become greatly interested in genealogy; &, on leaves, visits Libraries; &, of course, when at home, he also visits cemeteries, & person, who may be able to lend information. We've had a most interesting co-operation, &, of course, have found common-ancestry. We both look forward to his leave, in the Spring, when we can spend some time, together. If mother should improve — which we have little reason to expect — & returns home, of course, I'll be tied to home. But, otherwise, I could take him to numerous places, which he should see & learn more about. To the present time, I haven't detected, among his lines, any, common to yourself. But, as you see, you have an interest-in-common with Jeffrey, in the Campbell line — if you could locate data additional to that given by Maria (Scholl) Leach. How I wish that I could locate descendants of Jennie (Yoke) Sheaffer, sister of Catharine (Dunkelberger) Smith. Plainly speaking, we have what represents the possibility of illegitimacy, which may be the reason that your great-uncles do not impart more information. At least, I'm inclined to believe it the case, with Catharine, while I see a possibility that their mother may have first married a Yoke, &, later a Hummell, a widower, with children. But, just who will tell us more!

II

Last evening, when reviewing a record of births, deaths, & marriages, kept by Mrs. John Beisler (Sarah Ann Leonard—aunt of John Wickey Leonard), of Buckwheat Valley, I found this: "John Bitner died Jan. 14, 1897, aged 64-3-11." It would have been a great contribution, if persons, in many areas, had constantly kept such diaries. And, I do wish that someone would have led me into such habit, even by the time that I was ten years old. At that time, newspapers & magazines were few & quite unusual, in rural areas. And, I've often wished that someone would have impressed me, then, with the idea of saving pictures of the Presidents, historic places, churches, colleges, castles, & all such as appeared in our few publications. By this time, the collection would be invaluable.

Miss Minnie Deardorff created numerous scrap-books, of obituaries, births, marriages, etc., & several of them are in my possession. But, during her "periods of epilepsy", she destoyed several of them.

There are days, when I can relax & concentrate on some research, & I hope to review all of your letters & make further comments, & possibly, some additions. As you, doubtless, realize, my research & co-operation with so many persons creates quite an over-lapping situation; &, while working on one large problem, I'm frequently led into another & reminded of other necessary letters. Yet, I would not want any of my friends to hesitate writing me, relative to their new problems or additional data, they are in need of. I may uncover that certain data, where one would least expect. My penmanship reveals an "out-of-practice" situation, since I must do so much cleaning & the cooking, & neglect daily writing.

If I could, for once, gain a reply from Stanley K. Walborn, in Kingston, Penna. (I know not whether his present rating is Col. or Major), it would be my desire to learn his decision, relative to the Walborn baptismal record, you have obtained. It's my opinion that it doesn't represent our ancestor, Johann Georg Lueck's wife, but her sister. Mr. Walborn has done extensive research on the Walborn Family, during many years & has visited us two or three times. We stopped, at his home, in 1940. I fear that his health has become impaired. Their daughter had been in a serious neurotic condition, several years, & it was a heavy charge, in their home. When he visited us, in 1960, he stated that all was greatly improved, & had gone to her own home. Mr. Walborn is a very nice person, & an architect, & I feel certain that something definite interferes with his replying to my letters.

In closing, I must state that we do hope that your grandmother has become relaxed & improved. We realize that she had been over-taxing her strength, for too long.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Lenig

home from 7 to 9 tonight.

1-9-56

Mrs. Geo. Turnbaugh

NEW BLOOMFIELD — Mrs. Minnie Florence Turnbaugh, 58, wife of George Turnbaugh, died Saturday at her home, New Bloomfield R.D.

She was a member of the Boiling Springs Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Turnbaugh is survived by three sons, Richard and Chester Lay, both of Chambersburg R.D., and William Kell, of New Bloomfield R.D.; four daughters, Mrs. Joseph Trutt and Mrs. Albert Neidigh, both of Halifax R.D.; Mrs. Ruth Armstrong, of Enola and Mrs. David Radle of New Bloomfield; a sister, Mrs. Annie Welsh, of Dauphin R.D., and two brothers, Ira Comp of Carlisle, and Floyd Comp of Chester.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday from the funeral home on Walnut St., Newport. The Rev. LaRoy Deitrich, pastor of New Bloomfield Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be in St. Peter's Reformed Church Cemetery, near Landisburg. Friends may call between 7 and 9 p.m. tomorrow at the funeral home.

P.S. – Off the record, I must ask whether you, after being acquainted at the Riding Barn or Ranch, near Silver Spring, would know anyone whom I could contact, who might be interested in riding boots, I have, for sale. There may be individuals who would be considering purchasing a pair, & I would really like to contact someone, who might be interested in purchasing, or in selling, for me, the several pairs of English boots – large & small sizes, & several pairs of low-cuts type boots. During more than fifteen years, I've bought & sold boots & worn them. But, since wire in Colon, I actually make use of none but Westerns. And, I do have pairs of Westerns, for sale.

If you could direct me to someone, whom you became acquainted with, in those interests, possibly, though that person, I could gain further contacts. When we were on the farm, I had very much space for anything & everything; but, now it's necessary for me to have many boots, & very much else, in storage, & it's quite inconvenient, then, to show such to interested persons. Therefore, I would like to unload the lot to someone who is interested & has more satisfactory conditions

– Harry Lenig

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna.
March 27, 1966 —17074—

Dear Miss Mastroianni —

My work & I seem to be on a definite halt. Very few letters have been written, & I just don't get to a Courthouse or library & no compiling or copying has been done. Until we make necessary trips & I do the cleaning, I seem ready to lie down & just sleep or think about that which I should be doing.

In my wonderings, about the Campbells, while I've always been puzzled & curious about the spelling of the name, I also keep wondering what became of the son, Robert, who was with Sir Robert & Lady Jane, when they made the voyage, on which William was born. I had once stated about a James Campbell, who came from Tyrone Twp (I believe, in Pisgah, an area, west of Shermansdale), to southeast Centre & Miller Townships; but it's doubtful that Robert would have been old enough to have been his son.

Then, in Buckwheat Valley (north of the Bitner home, I led you to, a Robert Campbell warranted land, in 1794. That man, according to traditions, in later generations, came over from Scotland, returned, & came, again. Aged descendant told me that much, about thirty years ago. Yet, no descendant has very much information, & it's a problem to correlate such as I've been able to gather.

Near the Civil War period, strife arose amongst sons, in the family of one (possibly named Hugh) & the father was murdered with a club. It has left a stigma, which causes certain descendants to deny relationship with others — while it certainly must be the case.

Sometimes I wonder whether that was Robert, son of Robert & Jane, who settled in Buckwheat Valley; & he may have warranted the land after his second arrival. One also must wonder where Robert & Jane lived & died!

Another situation ties into that certain family — Valentine Schmidt (from Berks Co.) had a daughter, Anna Elisabetha, who married John Powell (from Scotland) A daughter, Leah Powell, married Jacob Spriggle. Their daughter, Catharine Spriggle became a hired-girl at the John Fickes Smith home, & had a daughter (whose father was Benj. F. Smith, father of Fred & Edna). The girl was somewhat reared by her aunt, Maria (Spriggle) McNaughton, & was known as Annie Spriggle or McNaughton, &, maybe, Smith. She Annie Elizabeth, in her "teens", had an illegitimate son, Thomas F. Miller who burned to death, in childhood. She, later, had an illegitimate daughter Hattie Belle Hemberling, who is now a widow, Mrs. Brown, living in an apartment, on our Square. She has freely discussed this, with me.

An aged widower, named Francis Rooney, who had married children, far older than "Annie", came from some distant place, to visit relatives, & saw her (possibly, at her aunt's home); & they hurriedly became married. Someone advised his sons; & they quickly came & took him home. He lived until about 1908, after which "Annie" married. But, during those years, she lived with Samuel Campbell, a widower; & she bore several children, two of whom live here; & I've seen three or four of the other. In 1909 or '10, & no long prior to "Annie's" death, the Court persuaded them to be married. I've heard the most terrific tales about how they lived. They have very little of anything; & Annie could neither cook nor keep house. The home was much as a pig-pen & the children lived & grew, as pigs. At times, someone would take one of the children into their home. Sam Campbell was of little account. But, here's where we find another tie. I saw, on their marriage license, that he was a son of Hugh & Lydia Campbell. That wasn't the Hugh who was bludgeoned; but, sometimes I believe that he was one of the "accused". I do know that Lydia was a Bausum, &, either, her mother or grandmother would have been an Olinger.

Do you wonder that I become more & more curious — even though most person only condemn & ridicule one for desiring to know about such persons. Possibly, will never know the full story; but, it's part of the history of the "people"; & despite those who became the "blacksheep", I do know of many descendants who have been very good persons & had respectable families.

Doubtless, Fred & Edna Smith never knew that there was a chapter, such as that, in their father's life. But, his wife (their mother) may have known it; &, thereby, held the "high hand" over him.

I've learned of an aged man, named Hummell, who may be able to share some information, if I can manage to visit him. But, he's entirely deaf; & it will be necessary for me to write such as I would ask. I have friends in that area; & if nothing further piles upon me, it's may be my privilege to visit them & him, later.

Orville Wright, whom I knew, in school, was reared, here, & married Louise Kretzing, of Middle Ridge (whose grandmother was Angeline Flickinger daughter of Joseph & Nancy (Campbell) Flickinger. Orville & Louise live in Allentown; & their son, Jeffrey — who is now a student at Univ. of Pitt Dorm, at Titusville, is also definitely interested in his ancestral lines; & we have had considerable correspondence, which I appreciate.

It's time to retire; & I'll "ring-off" — with best wishes & with our sincere thanks for those flowers. Mother was very much please. (Today, she shows little change in condition) Sincerely, Harry Lenig

P.S. - I have checked the riding-boots & am somewhat uncertain as to whether those, in sizes from 6 to 8½ are all ladies' boots.

It may be well if you would ask the young lady, who is interested, to state the length of her foot, in inches & fractions of an inch. That would enable me to check the boots & a chart & determine the matter.

— Harry Lewis

40 N. 2nd St., Newport, Penna. - 17074 -
January 18, 1967 -

Dear Miss Mastroianni -

Mother's Christmas letters kept me so occupied, that my own list was neglected; & hers wasn't completed. Last May, on her 80th birthday anniversary, she received more than one-hundred Greetings; & so many of these persons remembered her, again. I'll be taking care of these lists, for some time, yet.

My research & correspondence became very much retarded; & now, I do try to diversify my work.

Yesterday, I was at the Courthouse, & came home, wishing for a lot of spare time, & energy, to spend there.

In the Orphans' Court Docket, I checked & found the meager documents, on the Estate of John Comp, deceased, of Tyrone Twp. The "renunciation" of the widow, Susan, filed April 6, 1865, reveals the approximate date of his death. John Briner was the Administrator. The children's names were not stated. Obviously, there were other documents, which an attorney has not filed, or has "borrowed", thereafter, & never returned — as happened, in scores of Estates. There is another Docket, in which instruments were copied; & I hope to remember to check that, next time.

It was somewhat of a surprise & more of a disappointment, when my nearby aunt, Mrs Trout, told me, one evening, that your grandmother had passed away. Just that morning, I had walked out to Jeffries' store; & when returning, I passed your grandmother's home — unaware of the situation — & decided that, by the next day, I would take a walk & stop to ask her certain questions. Too often, I delayed, likewise, too long.

I did mean to ask her (& now yet ask Clarence Smith) for the names of the children of John & Susannah (Buryman) Comp. I know that Mrs. Geo. Warren & your great-grandmother were daughters & I've heard persons mention that there were two or three sons. Several miles north of town — toward Millerstown, there is a farm, once owned by Henry Comp, who had one daughter. Possibly, Henry was a son of John & Susannah.

Last Summer, I went to visit an aged Mr Hummell, who lives in Carroll Twp - in the western part of Fishing Creek Valley. I had understood that he lived alone & was quite deaf. When I reached his home, he was on a small ladder, picking sour-cherries. He didn't recent my coming, & when he understood my query, he began naming the Smiths & was quite interested. It was so difficult to talk with him, but I learned that Betsy (Campbell) Hummell was his grandmother (a second wife — the former having died at Shamokin, before Levi Hummell came to Perry Co. He said, they called Mrs Smith, aunt Katie; & he recalled that Jennie Yoke Sheaffer had lived at or near Marysville. Mr. Hummell has an aged sister, living, in Cumberland Co. & I must try contacting her.

When I've made another effort, I'll assemble what I can, and forward

P.S. — I've just found that, in the family of Johann Friedrich Schall (Shull) & his wife Phillipina (Phoebe Ann) Hartman, from Chester Co. —

a daughter, Sarah, b. 1804, married Georg Orris
" " Catharine, b. 1806, " Adam "
" " Phoebe Ann, b. — " Henry "
" son, William, b. 1816, " Eliza "

This may, someday, help to complete a line, for you.

And, Mary, dau. of John & Ann (Miller) Markel married ———— Bitner.

Ann Miller's sister, Christina (Jane), married Solomon Dunkelberger

While we just cannot determine whether it applies to your Comps, or not, my copy of the record of New Bethel Zion Church, at or near Grimville, Greenwich Twp., Berks Co. keeps me wondering.

That Church — known, officially, as "The Greenwich Congregation"; was founded by Georg Kamp.

In 1761, the 1st Confirmation Class was in charge of the Rev Daniel Schumacher.
" " , the land purchase; Cornerstone Laying (May 8) by the Rev Bernhard Michael Muehlll.
" 1762, stone edifice Consecrated, Oct. 3 — named Bethel — Lutheran (with a privilege granted the Ger. Reformed Congregation)
" 1803, Cornerstone of 2nd stone edifice, laid May 22.
" 1803, New Bethel Zion Lutheran Church, Consecrated, Nov 6.
" 1884 — Resolution & agreement to designate it "Union"
" 1923 — Cornerstone of 3rd edifice, laid July 22.

This Record extends from 1761 to 1802.

The First Articles of Government, dated Dec 25, 1764, bears signatures of eighteen founders (to which has been added, in several instances, the the date of their arrival at Philadelphia, & the Ship)

The first name is Georg Kamp — who landed, Sep. 19, 1749, on the Ship, "Patience".

In 1778 a "Union" Agreement, signed by several, includes the name of Georg Kamp, Elder.

In 1796, the Consistory (or Council) of this Evangelical Lutheran Congregation under which the (then existing) schoolhouse was erected, consisted of:
Johann Georg Kamp, Founder & furtherer of the Congregation.
Elders: Peter Schmitt, Carl Ritt, Johannes Derr, Simon Gruber;
Deacons: Johannes Witt, Andreas Kamp
Trustees: Johann Georg Kamp, Michael Crole

It sounds most interesting to me, & the Record includes many baptisms relative to families, later, in Perry Co. And, since we have no reason to know whether the Kamp baptisms, therein, can be correlated with your Comps, I believe that, when you come, again, you should search the Record & copy whatever you find interest in.

Even though I cannot correlate them, I've listed several Comp items, & have among them, a Conrad (1832-1896); Andrew (1812-1852), (1835-1886), (1838-1859), & the father of Andrew (b. 1812) The one, born 1838, was a son of Conrad & Hester.
And, I've listed Jacob — (1780-1870), (1820-1885), (1825-1861), & Rev Jacob (1845-1876)
There are also, John, Henry, Samuel, & Williams; &, in these recent years, I've known of a James & an August Comp. It, apparently, presents a problem!

The contents of this letter seem much like a "poor job of raking". But, I had some of it in mind, a long time, & wanted to pass it along, to you, as it may prove of some value to you.

Sincerely, Harry Lewis.

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